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Halevy to head Mossad; Levine to be his No. 2

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday chose Ambassador to the European Union Ephraim Halevy as the Mossad's new director and OC Norther Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine as his deputy and designated successor.

It is hoped they will shore up the intelligence agency's morale and restore its international reputation as a valuable asset to national security.

"Ephraim Halevy gained vast experience within the Mossad," Netanyahu said, referring to the 28 years Halevy spent in the organization. He noted that Halevy served as the Mossad's deputy director under its former chief, Shabtai Shavit.

He also lauded Levine, saying he has "excellent operational experience" and is worthy of serving as the Mossad's next director.

Netanyahu denied having consulted with King Hussein on these appointments. He insisted that decisions of this magnitude are taken without any foreign input.

However, he acknowledged the valuable role played by Halevy in defusing the crisis in Israeli-Jordaian relations that followed the botched bid to assassinate Hamas political leader Khaled Mashaal in Amman last August. He predicted that intelligence coordination between Israel and Jordan will revert to "its natural status" once the Mossad comes under Halevy's direction.

Ya'alon likely to be named OC Northern Command, Page 2

Ephraim Halevy (Gideon Markowicz)

Maj.-Gen. Amiran Levine (IDF Spokesman)

Netanyahu did not specify when Halevy and Levine will assume their respective responsibilities, saying only that Halevy will take over from the incumbent director, Danny Yatom, "within a few weeks." In the interim, Yatom will remain in office, he said.

Levine's transfer from his current post will have to be discussed with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Netanyahu said. This was tantamount to saying that Levine will not assume his new duties until the requisite reshuffle within the IDF's senior ranks is completed.

In a parallel development, Netanyahu will appoint a special adviser on intelligence matters within the next 10 days, a government source said.

All of these moves are in line with the findings of the Ciechanover Committee Report, which deals with the operational and logistical failures that turned the bid to assassinate Mashaal into a major setback to relations with Jordan and an embarrassment to the Mossad.

Netanyahu criticized the media for the way it dealt with this episode and the subsequent slip-ups by the Mossad. These culminated in the arrest of two agents accused variously of trying to bug the home of or to assassinate a suspected Hamas or Hizbullah agent in Switzerland last month.

"I won't deny that damage was caused to the Mossad," he said, "but it also was the result of false and irresponsible" media reports.

He expressed confidence that Levine will learn a great deal from Halevy "and there is a lot to learn from him. They will work very well together."

Levine probably will be ready to take over the Mossad's direction a year after he starts his term as Halevy's deputy, sources said.

Netanyahu said he raised the idea of Halevy's appointment in a "necessarily brief" telephone conversation with him in Brussels on Monday. Halevy promptly returned to Israel, a fact that led some observers to assume he was the leading candidate to take over from Yatom.

Netanyahu held a two-hour long conversation with him in his office on Tuesday, after which he asked Levine, who was visiting wounded soldiers in Haifa's Rambam Hospital, how soon he could come to Jerusalem. "As fast as a helicopter can fly," Netanyahu quoted him as saying. "He was in my office within 45 minutes."

Netanyahu said he clinched the deal yesterday when both men got together under his auspices and he saw that "they agreed enthusiastically to work together."

Eitan Rabin adds:

Netanyahu exerted heavy pressure on Halevy, who initially did not want to return to the Mossad.

It was only in a Monday night telephone conversation that Halevy agreed to become the Mossad's director for the purpose of rehabilitating it. It also was learned that the deputy director of the Mossad, who had intended to resign, apparently will not do so in the coming months. She will help Halevy and Levine adjust to their new jobs.

President Ezer Weizman and his wife Reuma talk to reporters at Beit Hanssi after yesterday's Knesset vote. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

President defeats Amor 63-49

Knesset reelects Weizman

By BATSHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset reelected President Ezer Weizman yesterday. He beat Likud MK Shaul Amor 63-49, with seven abstentions.

Congratulations poured in to Beit Hanassi as soon as the results became known. Among the first to telephone Weizman were Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"My reaction is that this is a triumph. It's a triumph for Israeli democracy," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told reporters after hearing the results.

"We have the decision of the people as represented by the vote of the Knesset. We have a new president. A good president. And one that I and the people of Israel will work with and he will work with me."

Netanyahu telephoned Weizman to set up a breakfast meeting after his return from abroad.

The two took pains to stress that there would be no ill feelings despite the fact that Netanyahu had nominated Amor as his candidate.

"Let's continue to cooperate. We'll learn from our mistakes," Weizman told Netanyahu.

"Correct. It's the start of a new era," Netanyahu replied.

Earlier, Weizman had spoken to Amor, congratulating him for putting up such a good fight.

"I wished him good health and success. I hope he'll fulfill my wishes for national unity and then my aim will have been achieved," Amor said.

Weizman said he plans to turn his attentions to political, educational, economic, and security issues during his second term. Apparently learning a lesson from the Arab MKs' unwillingness to support him, Weizman said he also would devote effort to equalizing rights for the Arab sector.

Weizman owes Netanyahu nothing, Page 3

Weizman had warm words for those who had stood by him throughout the tense days of uncertainty.

He said he had not needed the public opinion polls to tell him the general public was behind him, even if there was doubt abut the MKs.

"Whenever I stopped at a red light and waved, I got a warm reception and lots of kisses," he said.

Shortly after the results of the vote were announced, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon arrived at Beit Hanassi accompanied by the deputy speakers and faction heads.

Tichon presented Weizman with a certificate, as well as a ballot marked "Ezer Weizman" as a memento.

"For those who asked, I want it to go on record that I signed this certificate only after the results were announced," Tichon quipped.

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak praised the results as a "victory for the whole country. It's a victory for the Knesset which, contrary to the hypotheses, voted correctly for the incumbent president who is the best we have. It's a failure for Netanyahu who tried to interfere in an unprecedented way."

Barak decried the element of ethnic Sephardi-Ashkenazi tension which had come up in the campaign.

Of the notoriously outspoken winner, Barak said: "Ninety percent of what he says and does is right. That's Ezer and he's the best president."

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Ultimate responsibility will be Halevi's

ANALYSIS

By EITAN RABIN

The appointments of Ambassador to the European Union Ephraim Halevy as head of the Mossad and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine as his deputy are the right choices for this institution, still going through the worst period in its history.

The selection of these two professionals – Halevy is a former deputy head of the Mossad – is expected to restore calm within the intelligence organization and put it back on the track of its routine, but vital operations.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's decision on their appointment – even if for only two years – was correct and professional. For the first time, Netanyahu has chosen the good of the organization over a political appointee. He took the step after consulting with more than 20 defense and intelligence figures.

Halevy is considered the most able to bring back the good old days of the once fabled organization. Moreover, teaming him with Levine is a perfect match: Halevy, a man with extensive international connections who is welcome is most Arab capitals – particularly Amman and Cairo – and Levine, a military professional. The combination suggests the innovation of a Mossad with dual administrative and operational heads – a change that bodes well for the prompt restoration of success the institution so badly needs.

Success or failure will be Halevy's responsibility, however, and Mossad sources say Levine must carefully learn the ways of the organization step by step.

It will be up to Halevy to implement the findings of the Ciechanover Report and the subcommittee on intelligence affairs of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee – over 80 recommendations on the role and functioning of the Mossad. As he does so, he and the entire institution will remain under intense scrutiny.

One initial hopeful sign is the fact that the appointments have been met with nearly universal praise by the senior officers of the Mossad. Unlike previous occasions, no one has announced a resignation in protest.

One senior officer characterized Halevy as "very acceptable." Regarding Levine, the same source said the general's excellent record is well known, although the demands of the Mossad are different and require him to learn its operations from the ground up.

It is expected that once Halevy leads the Mossad out of the present morass, he will eventually hand over his position to Levine. One possible mark against Levine that is still unresolved is the forthcoming report by the state comptroller on the Tze'elim 2 incident of 1992, in which he commanded the Sayeret Matkal unit whose five soldiers were killed by a wayward missile.

The Mossad is entering a new era following a series of embarrassing failures, and with its new chiefs and a dedicated staff, there is no reason it cannot regain its former glory.

George Bush Jr. for president

AGENDA

By AVINOAM BAR-YOSEF

Now that we have our own president, we can turn our attention to the really important elections – for the president of the US.

Even if the Lewinsky affair sinks to the bottom of the pile of inexhaustible intrigue in the American capital, Bill Clinton's debatable reputation will have sullied Al Gore's election campaign. Perhaps this is what lies behind the next scandal threatening to explode on Capitol Hill, a scandal which may actually tarnish the opposition Republican Party in its attempts to find a candidate who has a chance of beating the Democratic vice president and restoring its supremacy in the White House, following George Bush's defeat.

And this is the story. Two weeks ago, a brilliant, 28-year old journalist committed suicide in Washington after having exposed a plot against House Speaker Newt Gingrich in his own party.

The story goes that the reason for the suicide was an affair the journalist had with none other than the leader of the plot, a senior Republican, confirmed supporter of Israel, who championed family values in true Republican style.

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Albright: US has no Mideast peace plan

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday denied that the Clinton administration has a plan for advancing the Middle East peace process and again called on Israel and the Palestinian Authority to create the necessary momentum to spur the negotiations forward.

PM, Mordechai off to Europe, Page 2

Responding to Rep. Nita Lowey's concern about reports that the administration is preparing to put public pressure on the sides, Albright said, "There is no such thing as an American plan."

The comment was the latest of Washington's efforts to downplay the notion that the administration is upset with Israel and the Palestinians and is prepared to publicly shame them into showing their seriousness in the negotiations.

"We have some ideas that we have been proposing. And I have said over and over again that it is essential for the leaders to make the hard decisions. They have not been making them, and it has been a source of disappointment to all of us, because we can have nine million ideas at various levels and of various complexity, but ultimately the leaders themselves have to make the decisions," Albright told the House foreign operations subcommittee, which is considering the administration's 1999 budget request of $14.1 billion in foreign assistance.

Albright called Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's recent talks here on reducing Israel's economic aid package a "welcome" proposal that Washington and Jerusalem will work on further "to sort out exactly how to make this work."

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PA returns arms stolen from IDF command car

By DAVID RUDGE

The Palestinian Authority yesterday returned to Israel three heavy machine guns with ammunition and a 52 mm mortar with 21 rounds which were stolen with a command car from an IDF base in the North last month.

The Palestinian security forces pledged to locate and return other items stolen with the vehicle, apparently including its radio. The vehicle was found abandoned shortly after the theft.

The return of the weapons followed intensive inquiries by police, the General Security Service, and the Military Police, which led to the arrests of eight suspects – six Israelis and two Palestinians. Three other suspects are still being sought.

The main suspect, a man from Kafr Hilaf in the Galilee, had reportedly served in the army and later in the reserves as a tracker. He is suspected of entering the base and stealing the command car by conning the guards at the gate. The sentries were subsequently sentenced to prison terms for dereliction of duty.

The investigation reportedly revealed shortly after the theft that the tracker was involved. He was not arrested straight away, however, but his movements were closely monitored in the hope he would lead the authorities to the stolen weapons and other suspects.

The investigation was kept under wraps until last night, when a publicity ban was lifted. The tracker is to be brought before the Acre Magistrate's Court this morning for a remand hearing.

The IDF Spokesman said the joint investigation revealed that the stolen weapons and equipment had reached the hands of the Palestinian security forces in the Nablus area. The Palestinians yesterday handed over the weapons at the security liaison office in Tulkarm and the spokesman noted that all the stolen weapons had been returned.

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NEWS
in brief

Prison rebellion leader sentenced to 25 months

Gideon Martin, one of the ringleaders in the prisoner rebellion at Military Prison No. 6 last summer, was sentenced to 25 months' imprisonment plus a 23-month suspended sentence by court-martial yesterday.

He was also demoted from corporal to private. On August 10, prisoners, claiming that the guards mistreated them and that the conditions in the prison were intolerable, took over Prison No. 6, holding their guards hostage for 23 hours. The trials of Sergei Kaufman and other soldiers involved in the rebellion are expected to conclude soon. *Itim*

Hamas threat found in stolen ID card

Police are investigating a letter signed by Hamas that was found inside an Israeli identity card near the Machpela Cave yesterday afternoon. The letter warned that the movement would murder the card's owner within three days.

Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan said a border policeman found the ID card in a telephone booth. Police tracked down the card's owner, who said he had reported its loss some three years ago in the Kiryat Arba area. Sivan said police are investigating, but doubt the card owner is in any danger.

Margot Dudkevitch

PA demands Israel release Palestinian prisoner

Palestinian officials, including Fatah leaders in Jenin, called on Israel yesterday to hand over a 32-year-old Palestinian and former leader of a Black Panther cell in the Jenin area, who they claim was abducted by IDF troops early Saturday.

The officials claimed that Abu Rubb was serving a nine-year sentence handed down by a Palestinian court for his involvement in the murders of collaborators and the abduction of two Border Policemen two years ago. Governor of Jenin Zuneir Munasra said the IDF nabbed Abu Rubb while he was on a short furlough from prison.

The IDF Spokesman confirmed Abu Rubb's arrest and said troops carrying out operational duty arrested Abu Rubb and another Palestinian in Kadim early Saturday morning. Israel Radio reported that since the arrests, the IDF has stopped joint patrols in the Jenin area.

Margot Dudkevitch and Mohammed Najib

Ya'alon likely to succeed Levine

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The appointment of OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine as deputy head of the Mossad has, as expected, turned up the heat over the next round of appointments in the General Staff.

Levine's post is considered one of the top slots in the General Staff, since it deals with confronting Syria and waging the war of attrition currently underway in Lebanon, the last active front. The leading candidate for Levine's job is OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Moshe "Boogie" Ya'alon, 48.

Ya'alon was promoted to major-general and appointed to the job in 1995. It was a rare move since the prestigious job had never before been given to a first-term major general. He is said by those close to him to have a promise of the Northern Command in hand.

If Ya'alon is chosen, then there are at least two people vying for his position: OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's military aide. Dayan turned down the position nine months ago, but those close to him say he would be willing to take it now. At 50, Dayan is one of the oldest and most experienced officers on the General Staff.

But he faces tough competition from Amidror. A former head of intelligence assessment, Amidror, 49, is very familiar with the Intelligence Branch. He is also considered very close to

Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon

Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan

Mordechai and genuinely respected by him. If appointed, he would be the first observant Jew outside the Chaplaincy Corps to be promoted to major general.

If Dayan is not appointed he is expected to remain in the Central Command until his three years are up in another year.

Should the Central Command post become vacant, OC Ground Corps Maj.-Gen. Amos Malcha and Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, assistant to Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i have been mentioned as possible replacements.

Malcha, 45, is considered a rising star in the IDF and an officer of vision and aptitude. Ashkenazi, 44, a former Golani Brigade commander, has been predicted to one day make chief of general staff. Both Malcha and Ashkenazi were promoted just a month before Mordechai's appointment as defense minister.

Announcements are not expected for some time, particularly since Mordechai leaves for the Netherlands and France tomorrow. But also because selecting the next Northern Command chief should be done in coordination with whoever will replace Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak after he steps down in July.

Mordechai had been expected to name the new chief of general staff on Independence Day, but due to the far-reaching appointments being made, there is speculation that he may also decide soon who the next IDF commander will be in order to consult with him on the promotions.

In addition to these senior posts, Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Brik, commander of the military colleges, and Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ivry-Sukenik, a senior field commander, are due to retire shortly. Their places are expected to be filled by rising brigadiers.

BACKGROUND

Halevy: The insider

By EITAN RABIN

Ephraim Halevy, the new Mossad chief, was born in England in 1934, and immigrated to Israel with his parents in 1948. He studied law at the Hebrew University, where he was active in Yavne, the religious students' organization.

He joined the Mossad in 1961, and it was predicted that he had a bright future in front of him. While he has served in the operations division of the Mossad, most of his career was spent in Tevel, the unit responsible for liaison and political work with parallel groups in Switzerland, a center of international diplomatic activity.

Halevy also was sent on many missions to forge ties with countries with which Israel did not have formal diplomatic relations.

In 1990, he was appointed deputy head of the Mossad, a post in which he served for five years.

During that period, he was tapped by prime minister Yitzhak Rabin as his special envoy to King Hussein of Jordan. As such, he was one of the key players in paving the way for the peace treaty between the two countries. Rabin also used him for other special missions.

When Danny Yatom was appointed as Mossad head in 1996, a position for which Halevy was considered, he joined the foreign service to become Israel's ambassador to the EU, based in Brussels.

He also played an important role in helping Prime Minister Minister Binyamin Netanyahu secure the release of the Mossad agents held by Jordan after the failed attempt to assassinate Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal.

Levine: In from the heat

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Deputy Mossad chief-designate OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine comes to the Mossad from what is considered the IDF's most prestigious field command.

He had been handpicked for the job by then chief of staff Ehud Barak. This was despite undergoing a bypass operation in 1994, after which Levine was given a clean bill of health.

Levine's candidacy was also considered controversial because he was the "responsible officer" for the Sayeret Matkal exercise at Tze'elim in November 1992, where a missile misfired, killing five soldiers and wounding six. Following an IDF investigation, he was reprimanded for failing to oversee security guidelines and for "an error in judgment" in not devising a detailed security plan.

Levine was born in 1946 at Kibbutz Labavot-Habashan. He enlisted in the IDF in 1965 and served in the elite Sayeret Matkal reconnaissance unit during the Six Day War, and was its deputy commander during the Yom Kippur War, when he was wounded. After the war, he became its commander. During the Lebanon War, Levine commanded a tank battalion and was again wounded during the invasion of Beirut. He later commanded a tank brigade and an armored division in the Northern Command, and also served as the Northern Command's chief of staff.

Levine is a graduate of the US Army Command and Staff College, holds a BA in political science from Haifa University, and studied business administration at MIT in Boston. He is married and has two sons and a daughter.

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Israel denies Swiss assassination report

Government officials yesterday denied a report in *The London Times* that said the true purpose of a botched Mossad operation last month in Switzerland was to assassinate two businessmen suspected of helping Hizbullah obtain weapons.

"The report is completely false," said David Bar-Illan, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's advisor.

MK Uzi Landau (Likud), who chairs the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense committee, called the report "ridiculous."

Five Mossad agents were caught last month trying to install a wiretap in Berne, Switzerland. The target was reportedly Abdullah Zein, a Lebanese immigrant whose wife lives in the building. One agent remains under arrest in Switzerland.

According to an unidentified officer from the Mossad's Brussels-based European directorate, the plan was to murder Zein and another businessman with the same poison used in the failed assassination attempt in September on Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal in Amman, *The Times* said.

The officer said the Mossad agents were apparently caught in possession of deadly aerosol sprays, the paper said.

According to the officer, at least one member of the squad that bungled the assassination of Mashaal also was involved in the Swiss incident, *The Times* said.

The officer said the Mossad agents travelled to Zein's apartment in rental cars, posing as students en route to a skiing vacation, *The Times* said.

The Times said the officer appeared to be motivated by a desire to influence the appointment of a successor to Danny Yatom, who resigned last week as Mossad chief.

(AP)

Syria: Pullout offer 'malicious' ploy

By JAY BUSHINSKY and news agencies

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara yesterday rejected Israel's proposals to withdraw from South Lebanon as a "malicious maneuver."

He said in Beirut that the offer is aimed at ending "the Lebanese resistance in South Lebanon without actually achieving a withdrawal."

Lebanon has already rejected the offer, saying it will not negotiate over a 1978 UN resolution, which calls for an unconditional Israeli withdrawal.

Shara said the Israeli campaign is also meant "to absorb anger on the Arab street" in light of the recent crisis between Iraq and the UN over weapons inspectors.

Arab nations have complained that while the UN, led by the US forces Iraq to implement Security Council resolutions, it turns a blind eye to Israel's violations of the 1978 resolution.

"[Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu wanted to get out of this predicament and so he invented this issue to tell the world that he wants peace... But he is dishonest," Shara told reporters at the Foreign Ministry after meeting with his Lebanese counterpart, Fares Bouez.

Shara said a withdrawal from Lebanon must be part of comprehensive peace, including with Syria and the Palestinians, without which there will be no stability in the region.

Meanwhile, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said the Lebanon issue came up during his meeting in Moscow with Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov.

Sharansky quoted Primakov as having said the situation in southern Lebanon is linked to Israel's dispute with Syria.

If the IDF evacuates the Golan Heights it will be possible to seek a solution to the Lebanon problem, he said, suggesting that "first, Israel must pull its forces out of the Golan Heights.

Mordechai to Europe

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Seeking European support for a bid to withdraw from south Lebanon, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai departs today for a four-day tour of France and the Netherlands.

The visit is more likely to be a political one than one focused on defense ties. In Paris, Mordechai is slated to meet not only with his counterpart Alain Richard, but also with Minister of Foreign Affairs Hubert Vedrine. France, while keen on breaking into Middle East peace negotiations, for the moment appears hesitant to participate in a deal that doesn't not involve Syria.

In his meetings, Mordechai is slated to update the French leadership on Israel's strategic assessment regarding the peace process and proliferation of non-conventional weapons, Mordechai's office said.

Defense Ministry officials said the French have invited Mordechai to observe a major exercise by French ground forces.

PM embarks on European tour

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's four-day trip to four Western European capitals, which is due to begin today, is primarily an exercise in political persuasion. He hopes to explain Israel's current effort to resuscitate the Middle East peace process and implement UN Security Council Resolution 425 so that IDF forces can evacuate Lebanon.

"I am going in my alternate capacity as foreign minister," Netanyahu said. "It is important that the European leaders understand our position and perhaps as a result they may agree with it."

The prime minister will fly first to Madrid and then to Bonn, Oslo and London. Although US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will be in the United Kingdom when Netanyahu gets there, "nothing has been said and nothing arranged" insofar as a rendezvous is concerned, he said.

Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur, who will be accompanying Netanyahu, said the trip's objective is to enlist European support in reactivating the multilateral committees spawned by the Oslo Accords.

The prime minister said that despite the great importance of Israel's relationship with the US, "Europe must not be abandoned."

He is scheduled to be back in Israel on Sunday.

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No surprises in presidential vote

By LIAT COLLINS

"A decision has been made; the next president of Israel is Mr. Ezer Weizman," Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon announced yesterday at 12:40 p.m., thus putting an end to the tension and rumors which had surrounded the secret ballot.

The vote was 63 for Weizman, 49 for Likud MK Shaul Amor, and seven blank ballots. (Gesher's Michael Kleiner absented himself.) It was decided *in one round* of polling. Quiet electioneering took place in the House almost until the start of the vote.

If there were any surprises, it was not the winner or the majority but the high number of blank slips.

"I do find it rather strange that so many MKs, elected public officials, are unable to make up their minds on such an issue," said coalition whip Meir Sheetrit, who also headed the polling overseers' committee, after the results were announced. From the podium, Tichon sent a message of congratulations to Weizman and a message of consolation to Amor.

The voting itself took place in an unusually amicable atmosphere. Rarely is the Knesset plenum so full, with 119 of the 120 MKs present for the vote. And in most cases, such a high turnout is generally for less festive reasons than choosing the country's No. 1 citizen. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu backslapped political rivals, such as David Re'em (Likud), and chatted with Gesher parliamentarians despite differences of opinion.

MKs wandered around and talked among themselves as the voting took place. Amor, on his back bench, looked tense and constantly sipped water, leaving the room immediately after he had cast his own ballot. Knesset clerk Arye Hahn called out the names one by one in alphabetical order; each MK received a brown envelope signed by the four polling committee members and disappeared into a wooden booth to choose between the slips with the names of the two candidates.

At the suggestion of Labor whip Elie Goldschmidt, the committee members occasionally checked the booth to ensure the number of ballot slips were in even piles so that the MKs further down the alphabet would not be influenced by the sight of a clear majority on one side. Goldschmidt admitted that the polling committee had been able to detect the voting pattern in Weizman's favor and knew he had won before the count.

Eli Ben-Menahem (Labor) provided the only drama in the event. Despite a clear warning from Tichon before the polling began that revealing the ballot slip would invalidate it, he chose to ensure that the Knesset ushers and polling committee members had seen he had selected Weizman despite his rumored support for Amor. "I think the ballot must have fallen from my hands from excitement," he later told reporters. As he emerged from the booth with a sealed envelope, Tichon took it from him and placed it in the ballot box.

After consultations with Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar, the polling committee accepted Ben-Menahem's claim that there is nothing in the law or the Knesset House Rules to invalidate a secret ballot which had been revealed, either intentionally or not, by the person who cast it.

The counting process was relatively quick. No ballots were disqualified. As a matter of procedure, the slips will be stored in the safe in the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee room until after Weizman's inauguration on May 18. Tichon took with him a few spare slips to give to Weizman as a souvenir when he led a Knesset delegation to Beit Hanassi to officially give him the news of his victory.

Both winner and loser greet news with grace

By BATSHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS

With tears of joy and relief, Beit Hanassi staffers embraced the President Ezer and Reuma Weizman as they emerged from their private apartment to meet the press after the result was announced. Meanwhile, an hour after hearing he had lost, Likud MK Shaul Amor stepped out of Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon's chambers, where he had waited for the results of the secret ballot.

Amor faced a horde of reporters and camera crews who were being held back by members of the Knesset guard. Putting on a brave face, he said the race had been a fair and good fight. "I'm not disappointed. I said throughout this short race that I would respectfully and lovingly accept any result. I said I would smile before and after the elections."

The Weizmans watched the vote on TV with their daughter Michal, son-in-law Dubby, and their four grandchildren. "I am glad it is behind us," said Reuma Weizman later. She had joined the family after her regular volunteer stint at Yad Sarah.

"Reuma and I were a little on edge," the president admitted as he spoke to the large crowd of reporters, "although we tried not to show it... But we drew a lot of strength from the support of the general public and all our faithful helpers."

He singled out his director-general Arye Shumer, who had campaigned night and day, and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert for special praise. He also thanked supporters from Or Akiva who were in the reception hall, "as well as all those who put up with the bad moods, the ups and downs... And, of course Reuma who is always at my side."

"Speaking of that," Reuma responded, "I am not sure, after five years which side I am supposed to be at, right or left."

Weizman did not let the narrow majority spoil his good mood, although he conceded he "did not exactly jump for joy [at the result]." He made it clear that he would not be a more detached president during his second term, stressing that the presidency required him to be "involved." This would be his last public position, he noted.

Amor also said he does not feel let down by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, a charge he has leveled when he did not receive previously sought after positions.

"The next thing is to see my wife and children, to sit down with them. There I am the real president," Amor quipped when asked of his future plans. And his political plans? "In politics you take each day and its troubles as it comes."

"I think this was a tremendous race. For the first time in [Israeli] history it was a race against an incumbent president. It was fair and honorable. I always spoke nicely of President Weizman and he never spoke a bad word about Shaul Amor."

He expressed his hope that Weizman would help heal social rifts in the country and said if he did "then we've all won."

Amor congratulated Weizman in a phone call and received a consolation call from Netanyahu.

MK Shaul Amor (holding glass) yesterday in the Knesset. 'I don't feel let down by Netanyahu,' he said following his defeat. (Isaac Harari)

Weizman owes Netanyahu nothing

ANALYSIS

By SARAH HONIG

President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu vowed in jolly tones yesterday to plan their future life together. Both exuded goodwill, if not outright affection.

But if it is all so rosy, why was their relationship less than harmonious in the past? If anything, the latest presidential election should add to their unfinished business rather than herald a new beginning.

There is nothing now to stop Weizman from being even more naughty, impetuous, and voluble than before. Not only does he owe Netanyahu nothing, but he will have the memory of an embarrassing and trying few weeks of a quasi-campaign to hold against him.

The fact is that, *pro forma*, Netanyahu supported Weizman's challenger Shaul Amor. He even summoned some weak coalition links for pep talks. The Third Way's Alex Lubotzky was one, and what he has to say about the conversation with the prime minister is telling.

Netanyahu, attests Lubotzky, "was very candid. He as much as admitted that the presidential race was not taken seriously at first, but argued that it had become political towards the end."

This is the key to understanding what actually happened. The fact is that Netanyahu carelessly got sucked into something he did not plan.

If the episode was anyone's doing, it was Ariel Sharon's.

After Amor insisted on running for yet another position – having already failed to secure the Knesset Speaker's gavel, a cabinet seat, or even a deputy ministership – and after Dov Shilansky threw his hat in for the second time, it was clear to Netanyahu that a contest within the Likud for the nomination was unavoidable.

But few noticed that he asked to include another name in the list of proposed Likud candidates – Ezer Weizman. According to Netanyahu's reckoning, if Labor could put Weizman up as its candidate, so could the Likud.

If Netanyahu had indeed promised Weizman to support his candidacy for a second term – as Meretz's Yossi Sarid alleged yesterday – then endorsing Weizman as the Likud candidate would have done it. If he lost out to Weizman, as Netanyahu supposed, Amor would have not been able to blame anyone, since his nomination would have been in the hands of the Knesset faction. Everything would have neatly fallen into place.

But Sharon disrupted Netanyahu's perfect plan. He huffed and puffed menacingly and made sure that Weizman's name would not even be considered for a Likud endorsement. From that point on, events were out of Netanyahu's control and Amor was off and running to the dismay of many within the Likud.

Netanyahu was right in assessing that the strange race had acquired political overtones toward its end, but that was largely due to wholly undeserved media hype. Had there been a serious move to kick Weizman out, the Likud would have fielded someone other than Amor, imposed factional discipline, and made an earnest effort to shore up a coalition consensus on the candidate.

What we witnessed was nothing of the sort, which is why it is more than misleading to ascribe to this soon-to-be-forgotten curiosity any wide-ranging political implication. It signifies nothing about the coalition's ability to function and withstand confidence votes.

What will remain from this round will be a simmering resentment by Weizman, even greater wariness of him by Netanyahu, and an impending demand by Amor – yet again – for a portfolio.

Amor's failure did not deflate his ambition. He has now been boosted to the status of an almost-president, and he has remarked to more than a few Likud MKs that the cabinet is short of its maximum permitted size, following David Levy's departure.

Mindful of his shrunken coalition, Netanyahu's ears must still be ringing with the warning Amor issued after he was denied the Science portfolio last summer: "If I, the true representative of the people, am not inside the government, then it will not survive. The people want me in. If I am out, Bibi has a problem." Could Amor soon be saying this again – or hinting at it?

Mahaneh Yehuda likes Weizman

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By [illegible]

In Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market, where no one is too shy to voice an opinion, the re-election of President Ezer Weizman just confirmed that he's a man of the people.

"He mirrors the whole Israeli reality," said Tzadok Sasson, standing in his spice stall on Rehov Agrippas. "A few verbals slips here and there – which of us doesn't let one out occasionally? Do you know any Israeli who doesn't have a big mouth?

It's nice that the president is like us. You wouldn't want the president not to be human." Shwarma seller Menashe Namir said that Weizman does have a big mouth, and has made unpleasant comments over the years, but he's also apologized for his slips of the tongue.

"Overall, he done tremendously," Namir said. "He acted as a go-between with sides that didn't get on, and he visited many families when they were in mourning. That's a tremendous change for the better. I hope that other presidents will adopt that custom, and that it will become permanent, because *it's* extremely important.

"I'm sure that many people think like me, that he's liked, and that you don't achieve things without making mistakes.

But he knows how to get up and apologize to those who he's injured. Overall, he's done lots of positive things. It's good that he's continuing."

Fruit dealer Itzik Tzidkiyahu said he didn't follow the race between Weizman and Shaul Amor. "Neither of them really interests me – one has a big mouth and the other marches under the socialist banner – whose time is simply past. But I wish them both good health."

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

A New Era

The campaign leading to President Ezer Weizman's reelection yesterday was analyzed by Hebrew press commentators, who focused on the unprecedented spirit and tactics that had prevailed.

"The battle over the most unpolitical, state representative position has turned into a party-ethnic-personal race," writes ***Ma'ariv***'s Shalom Yerushalmi, concluding that it is "disgusting."

Yediot Aharonot's Bina Barzel states that "the battle over the presidency started out as a personal battle between the two contenders ... but reaching its end, turned political: a candidate from the Likud against a candidate from Labor."

She adds that Weizman's victory will strengthen Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and his party's status.

Avraham Tirush, writing in *Ma'ariv*, claims that "this was the ugliest campaign the presidency has ever known," referring to the ethnic and political nature that had prevailed. He states that by giving the presidency a political orientation, Weizman has created side effects which include "slander, low blows, offensive publications, false promises and attempts at blackmail."

"The race for president was mainly an exercise in lobbyism," ***Yediot***'s Nahum Barnea writes.

Ha'aretz's Yoel Marcus claims that Shaul Amor made a mistake when he raised the ethnic issue and concludes that "in this day and age, Weizman is the right man at the right time and at the right place."

Passive peace process

Ma'ariv's Chemi Shalev examines US policy towards the peace process after the Iraqi crisis. He states that the administration is divided between those who believe in the need to take drastic measures to advance the process and those who want to keep a low profile. Shalev says that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is sending warning signals that if he is pressured into concessions he will fight back.

"Netanyahu knows that President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore want a public fight with him as much as they want to place a gun to their own heads," he writes. He adds that the so-called negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians reported on lately are only a "virtual process."

Ha'aretz's Gideon Samet claims that the nation is in a deep sleep, indifferent to the lack of progress in the peace process. As for the US, "in the last year and a half of Israeli disruption and Palestinian stubbornness, the US has only made the noise of involvement," he says, adding that except for the Hebron arrangement, the US has not made any contributions.

Dark organization

The new General Security Service bill has passed its first Knesset reading this week. Haim I. Tzadok, writing in ***Yediot***, criticizes a clause in the definition of the functions of the GSS which says the government has the right to determine the interests that the GSS will promote.

"The roles of the GSS must be clear as far as defining the areas where it not only may but must operate," he writes, stating that the government should *not* be given any authority of legislation "that will determine the additional activities of the GSS far from public scrutiny."

Ma'ariv's Yosef Lapid supports the legislative backing of the GSS and Mossad, but confesses that not every activity can be backed by a legal, cohesive definition.

"That is why the bill will include bypassing clauses which will ensure that extreme actions will be carried out in extreme circumstances and under tight supervision," he says.

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Netanyahu rejected Labor's presentation of the results as a victory and said: "I think it's a big mistake to represent it as such, because as you know we had crossovers from many parties into many directions. This was a mixed bag.

"There were Arab party voters who voted for Amor and there were Likud members who voted for Ezer Weizman. It was a hodgepodge and that's what democracy is about. I think that the result is a choice that the entire people will unite behind."

He added that Amor had worked well and that he had congratulated him.

National Religious Party whip Shmaryahu Ben-Tzur said his party had congratulated Weizman on his reelection and is convinced that he will continue to act to mend the social rifts and increase national unity.

He also praised Amor for acting honorably throughout the campaign.

Weizman said that business at Beit Hanassi was continuing as usual.

"Even if we were not elected, we wanted to continue working properly until [the swearing-in ceremony in] May," Weizman said.

Yesterday afternoon, Weizman met with the president of Togo and today he is due to hold meetings on the war against drug abuse.

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The statement said that the main suspect had been well acquainted with security procedures at the army base, because of his own service in the Northern Command, and knew the commanders serving there.

The spokesman said that the suspect had later joined a gang of car thieves. He apparently stole the command car at the request of Palestinian elements in return for a large amount money.

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She also called on Egypt to "take some kind of a similar step."

Albright did not state directly whether the US will pressure the sides publicly to move ahead. She said that whatever pressure there is, is created "not by us" but exists because "the people of Israel and the Palestinians want peace."

"And I think what's essential is for the leaders to figure that out and make the hard decisions. And we are going to continue to press in the best possible way we can," she added.

Albright said the administration continues to impress on PA Chairman Yasser Arafat the necessity of delivering "100 percent effort in terms of cooperation generally" on security matters.

"I believe there has been progress. More can be done. But we are constantly in touch with Chairman Arafat and his people, pressing for even more in this area, and we want to make sure he does continue to show 100 percent effort on it."

Asked about Israel's military capabilities, Albright said Jerusalem "will continue to have" a qualitative edge in the region, and that Washington is committed to maintaining it.

"I do hope, in fact, that the fact that they do have a qualitative edge and will continue to have it, will allow them to move forward in the peace process."

Meanwhile, Netanyahu's adviser Uzi Arad made a whirlwind visit here yesterday, meeting with the National Security Council's expert on the Middle East, Bruce Riedel, and Vice President Al Gore's national security adviser Leon Fuerth.

The discussions, along with one scheduled for last night in New York with President Bill Clinton's envoy, Frank Wisner, focused on the US-Israeli effort to prevent Russian missile and nuclear cooperation with Iran and were held in advance of next week's meeting here between Gore and Russian Premier Viktor Chernomyrdin.

Reuters adds:

Britain's Foreign Secretary Robin Cook yesterday called for increased pressure on Israel, accusing the Israeli government of endangering the peace process.

In an interview with the New Statesman weekly, Cook said there was a danger that Britain's firm stand against weapons of mass destruction in Iraq would be misinterpreted in the Arab world as anti-Arab.

"We want to expand the economic links with the Arab world and to put increased pressure on Israel. I am very conscious that in the Arab world there is a read-across between Iraq and the Israeli peace process," Cook said.

"We regularly criticise, and will continually do so robustly, the actions of Netanyahu which endanger the peace process," he added.

Cook is due to visit the Middle East later this month.

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in brief

Falash Mura aliya to end by Independence Day

The remainder of Ethiopia's Falash Mura community entitled to immigrate here will have done so by the country's 50th Independence Day, the head of the Population Registry, Raphael Cohen, told the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee yesterday. Cohen informed the panel that some 600 Falash Mura had made aliya last month, compared to 60 in the same month last year. While about 1,700 Falash Mura arrived here in all of 1997, so far this year 1,024 have made aliya. About 1,500 remain in a camp in Addis Ababa, said Cohen, and the Interior Ministry is rushing to complete the processing of those eligible for aliya.
Jerusalem Post Staff

No graphological tests without permission

Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander yesterday ended the practice of sending samples of the handwriting of government employees or job applicants for graphological analysis without the writer's knowledge or consent. The move followed a ruling by the National Labor Court that the practice was an unacceptable violation of privacy. *Itim*

Suspected murderer's remand extended

Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday extended until March 15 the remand of murder suspect Charles Anwar Perah, 21, of Kafr Yassif. The She'ar Menashe Psychiatric Hospital, where Perah is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation, had requested that Perah's remand be extended to give doctors enough time to determine whether he is fit to stand trial.

Perah is suspected of murdering Nissan Agasi and Abed Rahman Abu Abed in February. *Itim*

Feminists campaign for pre-nuptial agreements

The English-speaking chapter of the Israel Women's Network is tomorrow kicking off a letter-writing campaign to convince the chief rabbis to make a pre-nuptial agreement standard. The agreement, an attempt to prevent women from becoming agunot, would state that if the couple separated the husband would pay the wife a specified sum every day until he gives her a divorce.
Jerusalem Post Staff

Ethiopian immigrants to have registry districts

The country is to be divided into 12 districts for the purpose of registering Ethiopian immigrants for marriage, the Chief Rabbinate announced yesterday. According to the decision, an Ethiopian rabbi is to be attached to the local religious council of each district to assist its chief rabbi in dealing with couples of Ethiopian origin. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

'The Grandmother of Hatzor' dies at 107

Hanina Abu, known as "The Grandmother of Hatzor," died in her Galilee town on Tuesday. She was 107. Well known in the area as a saintly woman for her good deeds, it was her custom to attend every funeral and *brit mila* in the town, washing the baby a day before the *brit*, and every dead woman before the funeral. She is survived by a son, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. *Itim*

Supreme Court allows holding of Lebanese as 'bargaining cards'

The Supreme Court has ruled that foreign nationals can be detained as "bargaining cards" in negotiations over missing servicemen, according to court documents released yesterday.

The ruling represented a rare public admission that Israel is holding Hizbullah members without trial.

The court acknowledged that the practice infringes human rights, but said Israel's "vital interests" take precedence.

The court rolled back secrecy provisions that had barred media disclosure of the jailing of 10 Lebanese, who had appealed against the extension of their administrative detention. The justices rejected the appeal.

Court documents showed that eight of the 10 are members of Hizbullah and the two others from groups fighting alongside it. All have been held without trial, some for more than four years.

Court President Aharon Barak wrote in a majority decision that freeing the 10 could deal a "terminal blow" to negotiations over the return of missing Israelis.

He alluded to detainees like the 10 as a "bargaining card... captured to achieve a goal and not himself the target."

The ruling was made last November but cleared for publication only yesterday. Portions of it remained censored and the names of the 10 and the nature of their capture were stricken from the record.

Human rights groups have frequently taken Israel to task over such detentions, condemning the practice as hostage-taking. They say international human rights conventions to which Israel is a signatory specifically forbid the practice.

The actual number of detainees from Lebanon is believed to be far more than 10. Prominent among them are Hizbullah cleric Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, abducted from his home in 1989 in a pre-dawn raid by airborne commandos, and Amal leader Mustapha Dirani, snatched from his home by IDF troops in 1994.

Barak acknowledged the imprisonment compromised the rights of the detainees, but he wrote: "There is no denying the fact that Israel is in a state of emergency due to the threats hovering over its existence and citizens from within and from abroad. In situations like this, damage to basic human rights is obligatory. Sometimes even grave and painful damage." (News agencies)

Friends and relatives of victims of the Dizengoff bombings place fowers on the memorial at the site. (Israel Sun)

2nd anniversary of Dizengoff bombing marked

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Mourning friends and relations gathered yesterday at a memorial outside Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Center to mark the second anniversary of the suicide bombing which killed 13 people and injured 109.

Nitzan Dror, whose sister Hadas was killed, read a poem she had written in memory "of our brothers and sisters, who are no longer with us."

"Once, two years ago, I had a sister And it has been two years since she has gone. Can anyone understand the meaning Of losing my big sister?"

Police closed King George St. to traffic and arranged rows of plastic chairs on the sidewalk, fenced off for the ceremony, which began at 3:56, the exact time on March 4, 1996 when the lone suicide bomber detonated his bomb on the pedestrian crossing between King George St. and Rehov Dizengoff. It was a sunny Purim afternoon, and the area was packed with children and teenagers in costume.

"Two years have passed since that cursed afternoon, two years so hard they cannot be described in words," said Margalit Gordon, the mother of the late Tali Gordon.

Mayor Ronni Milo laid a wreath at the black memorial stone inscribed with the names of the victims. Other wreaths and dozens of flickering memorial candles had been left by the families.

"None of these families could return to a normal life after the terrible disaster," said Milo. "Every time we pass by this stone, we pause, we read the names, we cannot believe what kind of brutality could lead to such murder. Those who commit such acts are not human beings."

When Dror took the stand and began reciting the poem for her sister, there were no dry eyes among the mourners.

"At night, before I go sleep, I imagine my big sister and myself talking into the night, about girlfriends, about boys, about parents and little brothers, about loves and clothes, laughing at things others would not understand...

"And when we'd fight, saying awful things, I knew tomorrow or the next day we'd make up.

"And as the sun shines each morning, so too I still rise, into a world where you are with me, my sister, my love..."

Hoter-Yishai sentence today

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Tel Aviv Magistrates Court will today sentence Bar Association chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai, who has been convicted of tax evasion.

Once the sentence is handed down, Cmdr. Sando Mazor, head of the police investigations division, is expected to launch a probe of Hoter-Yishai on suspicion of contempt of court. Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein instructed the investigation in reaction to Hoter-Yishai's outburst against the court two weeks ago, immediately after he was convicted on some of the charges against him.

Hoter-Yishai said Judge Ziva Hadassi-Herman's ruling was "stupid" and a "mark of shame on the legal system."

Legal sources said the police investigation is expected to be short, since it is based on statements made publicly and recorded in court.

Hoter-Yishai's remarks have also stirred up a storm among Bar Association members, many of whom have signed a petition that calls for his suspension.

In the meantime, Haim Stenger, former deputy chairman of the association's Tel Aviv district, announced that he is establishing a new bar association for attorneys who do not approve of Hoter-Yishai's behavior.

'No more injections for diabetics'

By JUDY SIEGEL

Insulin-dependent diabetics will be freed from injections in the future, thanks to new systems that release medications into their bloodstream only when disease "markers" show they are needed. Technion scientists are now developing these systems, which will release drugs into the body in the exact dosage, at the right time and in the place they are required.

Prof. Noah Lotan, of the Technion's department for biomedical engineering, and his colleagues are developing a biological system that will check the condition of diabetes or other diseases and supply the needed drug in a customized way.

"Controlled-release systems, suited to the disease, are likely to be a breakthrough for patients who now have to undergo constant blood tests for monitoring their condition and to take medications," he said.

In the case of diabetes, the miniature system will be implanted in the body to monitor the sugar level in the blood and supply the amount of insulin needed. This, Lotan said, copies one of the natural biological systems in healthy people, whose pancreas supplies insulin to control the body's sugar level. Even today, drugs are delivered to the body in a controlled fashion: there are nicotine and estrogen patches and contraceptive pills. But these medications are released at set dosages and times and don't take into consideration the needs of the patient.

The Technion team, which includes Efrat Pessah-Ori and Dr. Rosa Azhari, is based on a "marker" for a disease whose concentration in the blood rises with the increase in the presence of the disease. A tiny box with a membrane serving as its connection to the body is introduced under the skin. The medication is chemically linked to a carrier material; as long as it's attached, it is not released into the bloodstream. When the presence of the disease becomes stronger and its marker appears, a certain enzyme – a natural protein that has been altered – dissolves the links between the drug and the carrier and a molecule of the medication is released.

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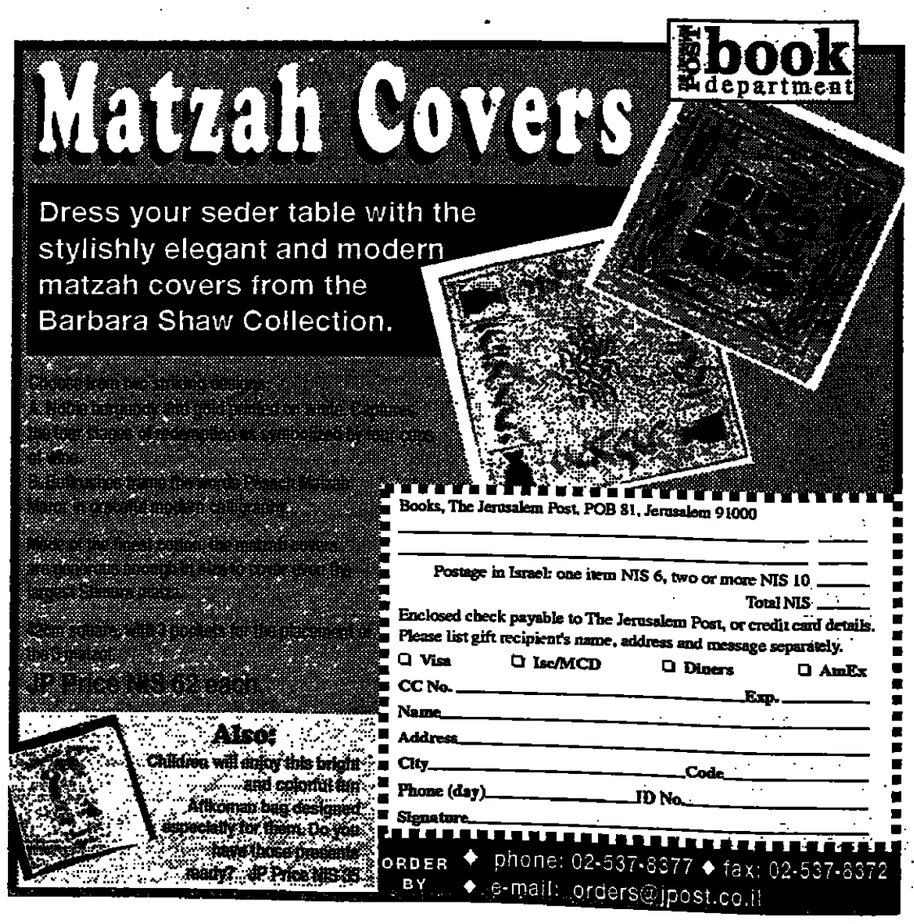

Germans arrest ex-Nazi officer who admitted shooting 500 Jews

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and news agencies

German authorities have arrested a 78-year-old former Nazi officer for being involved in the murder of 70,000 Jews in Poland during 1942-43, prosecutors said yesterday.

The former Nazi security police officer admitted that he personally shot 500 adults and children in November 1943 at the Majdanek death camp in Poland, prosecutors said in a statement. German security sources identified the man as Alfons Goetzfried, but prosecutors would not immediately confirm that report.

Efraim Zuroff, head of the Israel office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said the massacre in Majdanek took place November 3, 1943, in conjunction with massacres at two labor camps in Poniatowa and Trawniki.

"Some 43,000 Jews were killed in the three camps simultaneously," Zuroff said. "This was one of the most lethal operations carried out in a single day during the entire Holocaust. It was called the *Erntefest*, or harvest festival – as if to celebrate the harvest festival, they murdered these Jews."

Zuroff said that on the morning of November 3, the Jews were separated from the non-Jews in the roll call. They were taken to pits inside the camps that had been dug several days previously, near the southern borders of the camps.

"While these killings were taking place, the loudspeakers of the camps played dance music, so that no one would hear the shooting," he said.

Prosecutors won't say how the suspect was identified, only that he incriminated himself while testifying for a separate investigation last July. The nature of the other investigation was not released.

The suspect was a low-ranking officer in the Nazi security police based in Lublin during the period of the murders. At one time, he was a member of the Gestapo, prosecutors said.

After World War II, the man was imprisoned for war crimes in the Soviet Union, including a period in Siberia, until 1958. Prosecutors said he had been tried for war crimes by British and Soviet authorities during the 1950s, but the charges and outcome were not immediately known. At the time, he told investigators that he tended horses for the German army and had no involvement in war crimes, prosecutors said.

After his release from Soviet prisons, he lived in Kazakstan until 1991, when he moved to Germany under a program allowing the immigration of ethnic Germans from eastern Europe. He became a German citizen later that year.

His alleged crimes, however, did not come to German authorities' attention until his own incriminating statements, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said the arrest warrant was prepared in February after archive material corroborated his statements. He was arrested Tuesday at his home in Stuttgart and placed in investigative custody.

In all, German investigators have pursued some 100,000 Nazi war crimes cases in the past decades, resulting in some 6,500 convictions.

Swedes find 649 dormant accounts

STOCKHOLM (AP) – A Swedish commission investigating bank accounts dormant since World War II has identified 649 accounts, which may belong to people who died, notably Jews, officials said yesterday.

The government group is trying to trace the owners of the nearly $1 million found in the dormant accounts. It also is investigating neutral Sweden's financial dealings with Germany during World War II. The final report is expected next fall.

The group acknowledged that it could not establish that all the dormant accounts belonged to Jews or other victims of the Nazis. The commission, appointed last year, has yet to decide what to do with the funds if unclaimed by the rightful owner or survivors.

The commission earlier reported that Sweden acquired a total of 65.6 tons of gold from Germany during World War II. Sweden conducted extensive trade with the Nazis, primarily in iron ore and ball bearings that were critical parts of Germany's war effort.

After the war, Sweden returned 6.6 tons of the gold to the Netherlands and 7.9 tons to Belgium. The gold was believed to have been taken from those countries' central banks.

The government recently launched a program to educate Swedes about the Holocaust, including an Internet site and distributing books about the slaughter free of charge.

Sweden has also said it will donate $1 million to a fund for Holocaust survivors.

NJ mulls Swiss-bank sanctions

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – New Jersey is primed to become the first state to impose sanctions against Swiss banks, after the state assembly's banking committee on Monday passed a measure that bars the state from investing in Swiss financial institutions that are charged with retaining assets of Holocaust survivors or their heirs.

The measure, which would require assembly approval, is opposed by the US State Department and the Swiss government.

The New Jersey move would be limited to the Swiss banks, and would be largely symbolic, as the state's investment is limited to 280,000 shares of stock, valued at $80 million, in Union Bank of Switzerland.

A group of US public finance officials is due to meet at the end of March to decide whether to support a boycott of Swiss banks. In December, the group agreed to a three-month moratorium, pending "progress" on resolving claims. The finance officers, led by New York City Controller Alan Hevesi, have not specified what qualifies as progress. There is widespread speculation that progress means a multi-billion-dollar settlement of the class-action suits pending against the three major Swiss banks.

Gov't-compound squatters left to pick up the pieces

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Berry Grandian and her six-month-old son pose amid the wreckage of their burned-out shack yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Homeless inhabitants of the squatter village that caught fire Tuesday sat on semi-torn chairs in a circle yesterday afternoon, talking about a frequent topic of conversation: Their future.

Bleak though it looks on most days, it was especially poignant yesterday, for half of these homeless had seen their homes destroyed by the fire, and with it the little hope they carry with them from day to day.

"Yesterday evening was something from another world," said Michal Levy. "Everyone was crying, and we all crammed into the huts which hadn't been burnt down, around 10 to a room, with young children. Even the apartments which hadn't been burnt down reeked of smoke and were filled with charcoal from the big fire. People here found it very hard to breathe."

Some of the squatters who live on this hill opposite the Prime Minister's Office were wearing Dor Shalom sweatshirts, a gift from the organization, which also brought blankets, food and other pieces of clothing for the 60 families living there. A volunteer from Orient House in eastern Jerusalem also brought clothes and a tent.

The squatters all had refused the city's offer to put them up in a hotel for the night.

"We are very united," said Levy, whose hut was spared any damage. "What one wants, all of us want, which is why we didn't agree to half of us being here and half being there. We can't abandon our friends in this battle."

She said the only way the group would leave would be if everyone received keys to an apartment. "If they don't give it to us, we'll rebuild here, and we'll stay here."

Their battle to procure low-rent apartments from the government ironically involved setting fires yesterday morning to tires strewn about on the hill top.

Five of the squatters also were arrested yesterday for forcing their way into the Prime Minister's Office. They were released a few hours later, on the condition that they not go near the Prime Minister's Office or disturb the public order.

Life in this squatter village is very difficult, its inhabitants say, especially for those residents of this twilight world who are leading a double-life, hiding from others the situation in which they now find themselves.

"I have friends who visit me here, but for others its very hard," said 23-year-old Michal Fahima, who has lived there for two years. "They don't want to admit that they've slipped 'below' and it's really unpleasant for others to see you in this situation."

Har-Shefi: Amir was delusional liar

By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Taking the stand for the second time, Margalit Har-Shefi described Yigal Amir as an extremist, stupid and delusional liar.

Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court Judge Nira Lidsky yesterday confronted Har-Shefi on the nature of her friendship with Yigal Amir, whose plans to assassinate Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin she allegedly knew about and assisted.

Har-Shefi is on trial for failing to prevent the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

She said she never believed the things he said to her and underestimated the seriousness of his intentions when he talked about killing the prime minister.

"I thought it was just talk. I never knew what was going on in his head," she said.

Asked by the judge why she was attracted to a person who always lied, Har-Shefi said she enjoyed talking to Amir because he was philosophical and interesting.

"The fact that he could talk about things, like philosophy, made him interesting to me even though he lied. When you talk to someone, it doesn't matter what the person is like," she said.

Har-Shefi was on stand for about 90 minutes of cross-examination by prosecutor Penina Guy, who questioned her mainly on the testimony she gave to the police and General Security Service officers shortly after her arrest. She said the interrogators altered and omitted words in her statements.

"You sit opposite a policemen or investigator, talk, and then the discussion is recorded on paper. But some of the things were not recorded. I could not remember everything that was said during the many hours of interrogation," said Har-Shefi.

Har-Shefi denied charges that she helped Amir obtain information to carry out the murder. She insisted that she purposely gave Amir false information regarding the location of Beit El's armory so that he would stop pestering her about it.

"I knew that if I didn't give him the information, he would continue to pester me and so I decided to give him false information to get him off my back," she said.

Har-Shefi said she told Amir the armory is located near Beit El's guarded entrance in hope that this would deter him from stealing equipment.

The prosecution is expected to visit Beit El in the near future to see for itself where the armory is located.

Designer guilty of NIS 1.4m. tax evasion

"I am a genius in one thing, in clothes, and never understood the importance of receipts until I was arrested," dress designer Tovaleh Hassin said yesterday, as she and her husband, Amit, were convicted by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court of tax evasion.

The couple accepted a plea bargain and pleaded guilty to failing to pay NIS 1.38 million in income taxes in 1993 and 1996. The designer is the owner of a popular Tel Aviv boutique.

Hassin failed to write receipts, while her husband hid the undeclared income in three bank accounts. Under the plea bargain, Hassin is to perform six months of public service, while the judge has discretion over the 18-month imprisonment sought by the prosecution for her husband. Amit Hassin was also convicted of forging signatures to open the hidden bank accounts.

Judge Edna Bekenstein is to pass sentence on March 26.

The two were also fined NIS 200,000 by the Value Added Tax Authority, which they paid yesterday. (Itim)

NEWS *in brief*

Discount Bank struggle intensifies

The Israel Discount Bank workers' committee announced yesterday that bank employees will close several branches and departments today as part of the struggle with the bank's management.

Workers left the bank branches yesterday and gathered for an assembly in Tel Aviv. At the meeting, committee head Ricky Bechar said, "I am appealing to [bank chairman Aryeh] Mientkavich [to tell him], 'Leave us alone, you won't be able to force this public to surrender. We live in the bank, it's our home and we will fight for our home and our lives.'" *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Hussein to receive Wiesenthal award

King Hussein of Jordan will receive the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Humanitarian Laureate Award at a New York ceremony on March 16, *The Los Angeles Times* reported yesterday. The award pays tribute to Hussein for his courageous efforts to establish peace and harmony in the Middle East, and will be presented at the Wiesenthal Center's annual dinner. "King Hussein's courage and eloquent voice of reason affects all those who must travel up and down the bumpy road to peace," said Rhonda Barad, the center's eastern director. Hussein joins a distinguished roster of past recipients, including Vice President Al Gore, Andrei Sakharov, Natan Sharansky, and Baroness Thatcher. *Tom Tugend*

Dutch olim claim Dutch government money

The Dutch Olim Organization plans to set up a special non-profit organization to present possible projects to the Van Kiminade committee, which was set up by the Netherlands to examine all aspects of the Nazi gold issue. The government decided recently to return to the Dutch Jewish community some $9.5 million. Israeli organizations which help Dutch olim hope to receive part of this sum to finance projects aimed at helping some 10,000 immigrants from the Netherlands. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

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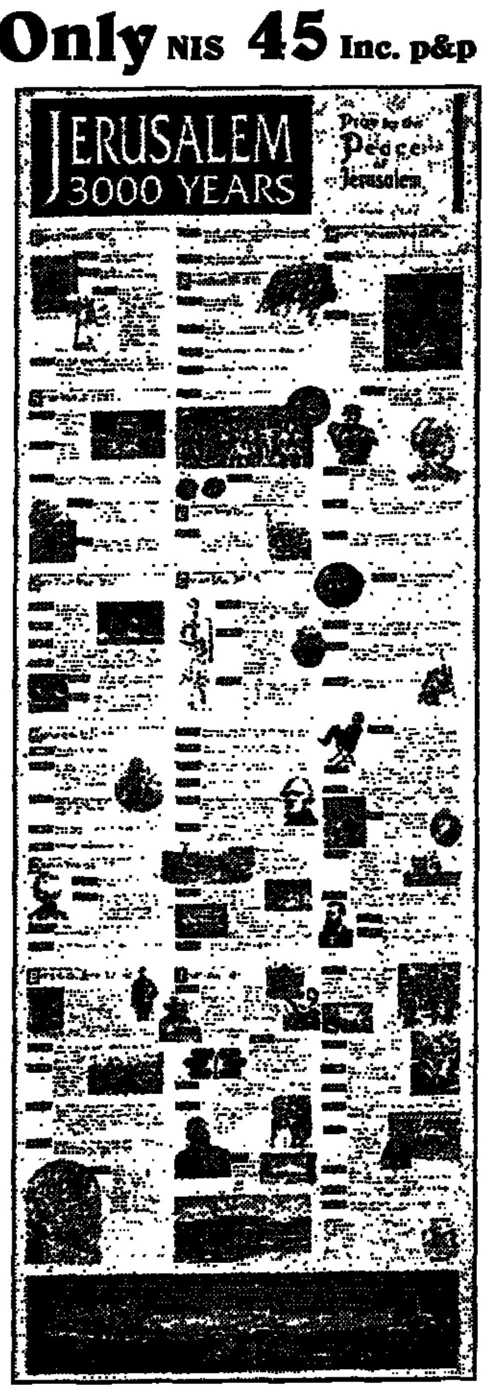

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Iraq reflections

The Region

Barry Rubin

"Where are you from?" I asked a young soldier, who barely spoke Hebrew, to whom I'd given a ride during the 1991 Gulf War.

"Iran," he answered.

"What did you do there, before being in Israel's air force?"

"I was in the Iranian air force."

"So when you were in Teheran, Saddam Hussein was firing missiles at you?"

"Right."

"And now you're in Israel and he's still firing missiles at you?"

"Yes."

"What is this, some personal quarrel between you two?"

I doubt Iraq will attack Israel any time soon; Saddam Hussein has a grudge against too many other people. And there's a lot more than brute force to his strategy nowadays.

At any rate, reading about Iraq, UN inspectors, and weapons of mass destruction has now become more tedious than frightening. But there are some important things that must be said:

• Forget about the small print.

Many observers have scrutinized the UN-Iraq agreement to see if Saddam can exploit loopholes. It doesn't matter. Whatever the agreement says, he'll circumvent it.

A crooked American industrialist once explained, "I don't have lawyers to tell me what's legal. I hire lawyers to tell me how to accomplish whatever I want to do."

• You can't win the shell game.

Most people have seen the sidewalk gambling game in which an object is hidden under one of three covers. The host moves around the covers and you can bet the *frcier* won't find it.

Saddam has had months to transfer hidden weapons — efficiently and with little breakage — from places about to be opened to inspectors to locations they've already visited.

If he ever retires from being dictator, Saddam can go into the moving business.

• "If it doesn't fit you can't convict."

In three or four months, there will be a new crisis. Iraq will proclaim, "We told you we didn't have any weapons," and demand that sanctions end.

Whatever documents or discrepancies in Iraq's story are found will be ignored by many of the world's media and governments. Even if chromosome and blood tests prove Saddam's guilty, this jury won't convict him. Perhaps, like O.J. Simpson, Saddam can offer a reward for finding the real perpetrators.

• Baghdad teaches America about public relations.

Despite good intentions, the Clinton administration has been trounced by Iraq on the publicity front. Only at the last minute did the US government start protesting Iraqi violations of UN agreements.

Showing remarkable incompetence in building a coalition, the American leadership demonstrated its total inability to develop and implement any strategy beyond mere reactions to daily events. This is also evident in its handling of the Israel-Palestinian peace process.

• Those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat did learn from the 1991 PLO policy debacle and tried to hold back expressions of support for Iraq, even limiting demonstrations and closing media outlets. Many of his followers, however, repeated their old mistakes, increasing Israeli and international distrust at a time when Palestinians need all the help they can get.

• "Gambling! I'm shocked to see that gambling is going on here!"

In the American film *Casablanca*, a police officer closes down the nightclub on charges of illegal gambling. A moment later, the waiter hands him his winnings.

How many months after Saddam has protested his innocence and been found not guilty will he start pulling out the "nonexistent" weapons?

The Iraqi government never considered meeting its commitments.

First, it successfully fooled the inspectors until Iraqi defectors showed that the regime was lying. Now, Iraq wears down and splits the coalition by exploiting its members' desire to make profits, humanitarian urges, or fears of ferocious revenge.

• The double standard still prevails.

Compare the world's treatment of Iraq and Israel. Every time Iraq breaks its commitments, it gains international sympathy and rewards – this time, doubling the amount of oil it can export while bringing closer the day when sanctions will end.

The reason the Arab states were reluctant to support a US attack had far more to do with their own interests then any concern for the deadlock in the peace process. It was a classical collective security issue: Countries are naturally tempted to let someone else – notably their stronger protector – do the work and take all the risks.

After all, Arab states didn't hesitate to seek US help before – notably in 1991 – when there was no Arab-Israeli peace process. And no matter what progress is made between Palestinians and Israel, these governments would not enthusiastically back a showdown with an Iraqi regime possessing nuclear weapons and long-range missiles armed with chemical or biological warheads.

But there's one factor everyone should remember: The United States can veto an end to sanctions. Saddam's latest "success" in recent weeks may thus resemble his self-proclaimed "triumph" during the fighting over Kuwait.

As a British officer remarked after suffering heavy losses in a battle during the American Revolution, "One more victory like this and there will be no one left to report it."

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Unseating Saddam is hard to do

Experts question the feasibility of long-term plans to topple Iraq's dictator

By ROBIN WRIGHT

WASHINGTON — It could take at least three to five years – and probably longer. A cheap version would cost $1 billion a year – and even doubling or tripling its budget would provide no guarantees.

Countries in the neighborhood and key allies would have to host or collaborate in the plot – when already they are reluctant to participate.

All in all, a clandestine scheme to topple the regime of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein does not look either as feasible or efficient as it might seem to outsiders, intelligence experts say.

"I don't know anyone in the intelligence community who thinks there is a covert action solution that would change the regime in Iraq," said Milt Beardon, who for six years in the 1980s ran the CIA operation to topple the Soviet-backed Afghan government, the most successful US covert action in half a century.

And then there is the danger of the results.

"We succeeded in Afghanistan, but look what we left behind," Beardon said.

In that country, a rigidly Islamic regime is now in power, and a messy civil war rages on sporadically almost a decade after the Soviets withdrew.

Since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the CIA has sponsored at least four schemes to disrupt or disable Hussein's government with marginal success. Trying to replace him is an even bigger challenge.

Yet covert action is becoming the solution du jour in Washington.

The CIA has toyed with a range of plans since the crisis over weapons inspections erupted last fall, US officials say. In the days since February 23, when the Iraqi leader struck a deal on the inspections issue with the United Nations to avert US military strikes, Sen. Arlen Specter, (R-Pa.), was the first of many in Washington to call for covert action to "bring Saddam Hussein to his knees."

On Sunday, several of Specter's colleagues urged the Clinton administration to adopt a formal policy of ousting Hussein, although they did so without specifically endorsing covert action.

"As long as Saddam Hussein is in power, we will be faced with this challenge of his unending zeal to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction," said Sen. John McCain, (R-Ariz.), a member of the Armed Services Committee, on NBC-TV's *Meet the Press*.

"We've got to change the objective in Iraq and say that we're going to try to replace this dictatorship with a democracy," said Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.), on the same program. Kerrey is vice chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence.

SO WHAT would it take to topple Hussein's regime?

Only a minority among intelligence and Mideast experts believes that it is even doable. And these analysts warn that the covert scheme would require a long-term commitment.

"This is not something that can be accomplished before the November election or even a year from now," said a former CIA covert agent who requested anonymity. Success would be years, not months, away, the agent said.

Any plot would also have no chance of success by itself.

"It has to be part of a coordinated strategy that includes political, economic and military aspects as well," said L. Paul Bremer III, a former State Department counterterrorism chief.

That means steps such as tightening economic sanctions through naval interdiction, expanding "no-fly" zones enforced by US and European warplanes to cover all of Iraq, and expelling Hussein's regime from the United Nations – at the same time the CIA and its Iraqi agents conduct clandestine activities inside the country, Bremer said.

The US also could not go it alone.

For Afghanistan, the Reagan administration had a co-financier in the Saudis; a front-line territory from which to operate in Pakistan; arms from China; support services from Egypt; and widespread political backing in the West.

Finally, any scheme would have to be all-encompassing, the experts say.

Hussein's propaganda machine would need to be sabotaged, and clandestine outlets created as alternatives. A series of armed and independent cells would have to be set up to challenge, take hostage or eliminate security forces, Hussein's most important power prop.

Daily life – ranging from commerce to entertainment – would have to be disrupted in diverse ways, to prove the scope of the challenge.

BUT EACH aspect of such a scheme is prone to problems, the majority of experts say.

Opposition groups are deeply divided. Fighting between Kurdish rivals provided a pretext for Hussein's forces to retake part of northern Kurdistan in 1996. The CIA was forced out at the same time.

Also, US support for Saddam's internal foes has been discredited since the Bush administration's call for uprisings after the Gulf War sparked Kurdish and Shi'ite Moslem rebellions that were quashed when US troops allowed Saddam to use his helicopter gunships.

Unlike Afghanistan, Iraq's political and geographical terrain would not be supportive. The southern deserts do not provide cover for clandestine cross-border traffic, nor do many gulf governments want to be seen supporting US spy craft.

In Europe, France and Russia have already initialed oil deals with Iraq to go into effect the moment sanctions are lifted – deals that any new regime might ignore.

Nor does the United States track record in targeting foes for ouster inspire confidence.

Despite repeated US efforts to undo his rule, Fidel Castro will mark 40 years in power next year.

In Somalia, the failed 1993 manhunt for warlord Mohammed Farah Aidid resulted in the deaths of 18 Americans and the eventual withdrawal of more than 10,000 US soldiers. Aidid died of natural causes in 1996.

Even the Iraqi opposition doubts the efficacy of a covert plot.

"To engineer a coup from outside using exile groups is in the realm of science fiction," said Ahmed Chalabi, head of the Iraqi National Congress (INC), which ran a CIA-backed operation in Kurdistan until 1996.

"It's also too late for covert operations. It must be open."

Chalabi is now making the rounds in Washington with his own plan, which includes:

• A US declaration that Saddam's regime is in violation of UN cease-fire resolutions.

• As punishment, a US declaration of a military exclusion zone south of the 31st parallel, north of the 35th parallel and in the western desert adjacent to Saudi Arabia and Jordan – to be enforced by US air power.

Iraq would be forced to move its tanks and artillery or face aerial bombardment. This zone includes many of Iraq's most productive oil fields, as well as vital land and sea routes.

• Formation of a provisional government.

• Escalation of an anti-Saddam propaganda campaign, including radio broadcasts countrywide.

• A US indictment of Saddam as a war criminal.

• US aid of $100 million to the INC, using as collateral Iraqi assets frozen by economic sanctions. The money would pay for antitank weapons and troop-transport vehicles for 5,000 opposition forces.

• Once Iraqi military equipment has been removed from the south, the INC and its equipment land at Umm al Qasr.

Opposition forces would clear loyalist security forces, administer the area and use southern oil for income. A branch of the government would also be established in northern Kurdistan.

• The opposition military moves on Basra, Iraq's key port and second-largest city, just north of the 31st parallel.

A serious challenge to Basra, according to Chalabi, would be a turning point leading to the fall of Saddam. (Los Angeles Times)

A treasure of Lincoln autographs

By LINDA WHEELER

WASHINGTON – Two amateur historians systematically sifting through 80,000 rarely touched files at the National Archives have found 570 documents with Abraham Lincoln's distinctive signature, a find that historians are calling extraordinary and the largest of its kind in 50 years.

Tom and Beverly Lowry, working at their own expense, have indexed more than 40,000 of the Civil War courts-martial of Union soldiers, an undertaking begun but abandoned by others in the past.

The Lincoln signatures were often squeezed in at the bottom of a general's lengthy report with a notation saying the soldier should be pardoned. The find tends to document the widely held belief that Lincoln was an unusually compassionate man.

The discovery of such a huge number of Lincoln signatures is a surprise to Lincoln experts who said the prevailing belief had been that there weren't any left to find.

Thomas E. Schwartz, Illinois state historian and editor of the *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, said, "Anything written in Lincoln's own hand is a major find."

Cullom Davis, editor of the definitive collection of Lincoln's papers from his 25 years as a trial lawyer, said: "No American, or even any international figure, has been more intensely studied or described in more biographies. Scholars have spent generations plowing all available and known sources... . To find almost 600 Lincoln signatures is truly newsworthy."

The Lowrys discovered that just hours before the Lincolns left the White House for Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865, the president pardoned Pvt. Patrick Murphy, who was described as "idiotic or insane"and had been charged with desertion.

Lincoln scrawled at the bottom of the reports sent to him on Murphy's court-martial, "This man is pardoned and hereby ordered to be discharged from the service." He signed it, "A. Lincoln."

The Lowrys started their project on a part-time basis a year ago, spending several weeks at the archives and then returning home to California. Recently they bought a house in suburban Woodbridge, Va. and are spending 40 hours a week at the repository for federal records.

Tom Lowry, 65, is a retired psychiatrist, and his wife, Beverly, 53, had worked as a hospital insurance administrator. They each handle the files, summarizing the contents and photocopying what they want to keep.

Beverly Lowry does all the computer work, logging in the information. She calls herself "a loyal flunky." The work has proven to be an emotional experience for each of them.

"The first Lincoln signature I found – and every one since – I burst into tears and had to push away from the table so not to smear it," said Beverly Lowry. "It is all so touching. He is dead and won't be writing his name anymore... . Here is a document he signed that I can hold."

The Lowrys aren't new to Civil War research or the court-martial files. They delved into them about 12 years ago, finding enough material there and in other archives to write a book on sex in the Civil War, titled *The Story The Soldiers Wouldn't Tell.*

They were drawn back to the files, knowing that there were many thousands more than they had studied for the book, which was published in 1995.

Michael Musick, Civil War specialist at the archives, said other researchers had spent a few weeks working with the files but had given up because of the confusing system used by federal clerks in the 1860s, a system that he said was roughly chronological.

The Lowrys found that a man charged with rape would get no mercy from his president. However, rape wasn't the only crime that could mean a death sentence to a soldier. Theft, desertion, drunkenness, sleeping on duty as well as murder could result in a sentence of hanging or death by a firing squad.

For most crimes, Lincoln would give the man a second chance.

Tom Lowry said some cases that reached Lincoln did not involve a death sentence.

Dr. George New, the 7th Indiana Regiment surgeon, sold the hospital's supply of whiskey to soldiers because he couldn't transport it. He was accused of pocketing the money, although he testified he had tried to give it to regiment officers. The court-martial resulted in his dismissal.

Lincoln replied: "I am not satisfied with this sentence in this case, so far as it dismisses the accused from the service.

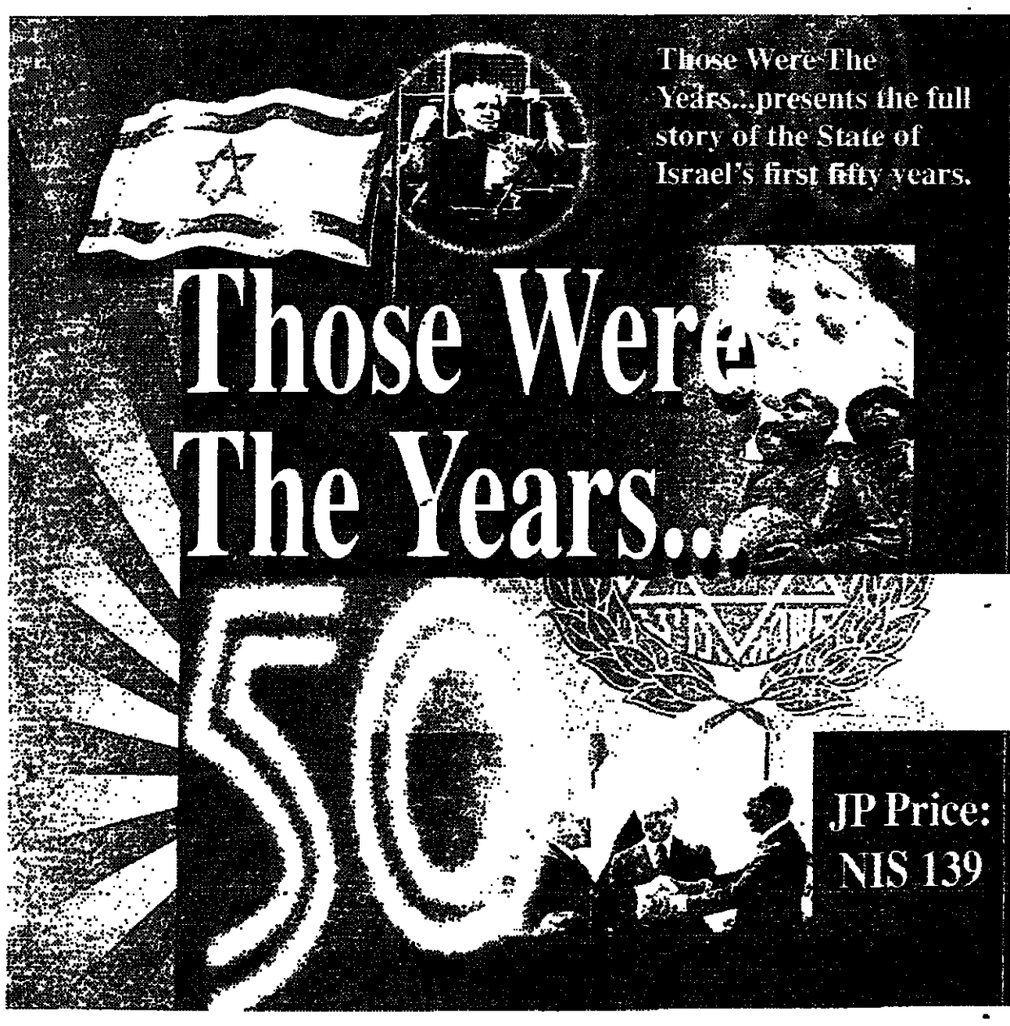
"That he sold liquor is unquestionable, but that he did so with any improper intention, or that he ever intended to appropriate the proceeds, I think is not proven. I therefore wish to restore him, if it is lawful for me to do so."

The Lowrys are willing to discuss only a few of the Lincoln-related files they have found, saving a complete report for a March 28 symposium organized by the Library of Congress and the Abraham Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic.

Musick said the Lowrys and any others who use the archives for research are free to publish their findings.

"We are pleased with their work," he said. "We think it's wonderful, and we encourage researchers to work with our files. That is the only way things will be better known."

(The Washington Post)



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India's hung parliament braces for bruising battles

By SANJEEV MIGLANI

NEW DELHI (Reuters) – India's political groups began a bruising battle for power yesterday, as voters gave no party a majority to rule in national elections.

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which notched up 251 seats with its allies in the 545-member lower house of parliament, said it is in talks with new allies to cobble together a majority.

To rule, a government requires the support of 272 lawmakers in the lower house.

But its arch-rival, the Congress party, which stood a distant second with 166 seats including its allies, said it is weighing the option of leading the next government with the help of the United Front.

"While some in the party feel that the BJP should be allowed to form a government which may not last for more than one year, some feel we should make efforts to form the government," Congress spokesman Vithal Gadgil told a private TV network.

"We discussed the pros and cons," party spokeswoman Najma Heptullah said after an informal meeting of the Congress Working Committee, the party's supreme decision-making body.

The multi-party United Front, whose minority government was toppled by Congress in December, had 96 votes after counting ended for all but nine of the 543 seats at stake in the poll.

Independents and small groups – which are now targeted by both the BJP and Congress – took 21 seats.

A re-count was ordered for one seat, counting gets under way on March 9 for two seats, voters go to the polls for three more on Saturday, a re-vote will be held in one on March 30 and two snow-bound constimencies go to the polls on June 21.

The BJP, which has projected the moderate Atal Behari Vajpayee as its choice for prime minister, said its efforts to swing a majority lifted financial markets.

Shares on the Bombay stock exchange rose yesterday, with the index of top 30 shares up 2.65 percent toward the close of business on fresh hopes that the BJP would be able to form a stable government despite the split election verdict.

"There is optimism from overnight developments that the BJP may get the support of key regional parties to form a government," said a dealer at a foreign brokerage firm.

"The BJP is already 250. Chautala has already said yes... so that goes to 254 candidates," senior leader Pramod Mahajan said as he went into a strategy session at the party office, crowded with supporters. He added that the party is also in contact with about half a dozen members of parliament.

Om Prakash Chautala, a regional leader in the northern state of Haryana, announced earlier in the week that four lawmakers from his Haryana Lok Dal would support the BJP's bid for power.

A bigger regional party in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh holds one of the keys to government-making.

BJP leaders said they were in touch with the regional Telegu Desam Party (TDP), a constituent of the United Front coalition.

"We are talking to TDP. We have received positive signals," BJP leader Sunderlal Patwa told reporters.

The TDP's main rival at the state level is Congress, and it is this that the BJP hopes to exploit. TDP leaders gathered at their party headquarters in Hyderabad to decide their position.

But the Communist Party of India (Marxist), which is leading the campaign to block the BJP and which is a prime player in the United Front, said there are no fissures within the alliance.

"There are no problems at all... the problems are basically media creations, there is no indication... whatsoever of the nature you are suggesting as far as TDP is concerned," Sitaram Yechury, CPM politburo member said.

Bharatiya Janata Party president Lal Krishna Advani (left) and Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the party's prime ministerial candidate, in New Delhi yesterday. The Janata-led coalition is seeking a way to rule with only 40% of the Indian parliament. (AP)

Investors welcome new Russian budget

By CHRISTINA LING

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Russian markets welcomed news that the Duma lower house of parliament passed the 1998 budget yesterday.

The Russian Trading System 105-share index had risen over three percent by 1230 GMT on what dealers said was strong interest from Western investors.

"It was a bid only market – there were no offers at all following the news and it still remains very strong," said Brunswick director Martin Diggle.

Russian MinFins weakened yesterday from Tuesday's levels, but dealers saw the news overall as good for the market.

"It is very, very good news for Russia and globally for the MinFin market," said Eurobank sales director Olivier Coursault, saying it helped Russia's chances of an improved credit rating.

"But this news was very widely anticipated and as usual in these circumstances, people have been buying on rumor and selling on the news," Coursault said.

There was no trading on the government securities market, where scheduled weekly auctions were taking place. But the mood was upbeat there, too, with 329-day Treasury bill yielding an average 28.26 percent, well below the 29.63-31.91% range forecast by dealers. The auction took place before the news of the budget being passed.

After the vote, a tranche of 721-day government bonds yielded an average 31.51%, at the lower end of the predicted range.

First Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov, speaking during a visit to Germany, said the passage would also help secure the stability of the rouble. Fears over the currency prompted the central bank to hike key refinancing and Lombard rates at the start of the year, although it brought them back down to 36% from 39% as of this Monday.

Russian markets have been closely following the progress of the 1998 budget since the end of last year. It is seen as key to maintaining economic growth and speeding the release of the International Monetary Fund's next $670 million loan tranche.

Yesterday's vote was the second attempt to pass the budget through its fourth and final reading after deputies in the opposition-dominated Duma earlier this month rejected a hasty government amendment which cut spending.

Ministers said last month that turmoil on world financial markets, which has forced Moscow to raise interest rates, meant revenues would fall far short of those agreed after months of bargaining with the lower house.

And Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said a "hole" of 50 billion redenominated roubles (about $8b.) had appeared in the 1998 draft.

But yesterday deputies passed the budget, as well as a compromise amendment allowing the government to tailor spending in line with actual received revenues.

"That is obviously very good news," said Jonathan Garner director of emerging Europe, Middle East and Africa Strategy at British investment bank Robert Fleming.

"It is a very important confirmation of what's already been a good trend in a number of important macro variables for Russia, particularly in lower short-term interest rates and a lower sovereign risk premium."

The budget must now be considered by the Federation Council upper chamber and signed into law by President Boris Yeltsin.

Kohl pressed to change strategy

By ERIK KIRSCHBAUM

BONN (Reuters) – Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), trounced in an important state election on Sunday, came under pressure yesterday from its Bavarian sister party to change its campaign strategy.

The Christian Social Union (CSU) gave the chancellor a firm warning in a closed-door coalition meeting that he had better start focusing on domestic issues rather than foreign matters before September's election, coalition sources said.

"He should concentrate himself more on domestic policies and start limiting his foreign trips," a coalition source said. "He has to start showing that he cares more about the issues on the mind of the voters, such as unemployment."

Kohl originally had been planning to use the numerous international gatherings such as the Group of Seven in Birmingham and the European Union summit in Cardiff to present himself to the voters as a successful statesman.

Europe's longest-serving leader clearly relishes his role as a statesman. At news briefings outside Germany, he is known to angrily brush off questions about domestic political issues.

A senior CDU source said it would be a mistake to react to the Social Democrats' (SPD) victory in the Lower Saxony state election with hectic or sudden changes in the campaign strategy. He said Kohl agreed domestic issues were key to the election.

The SPD said the change in campaign strategy so close to the election showed the CDU's leadership was in disarray.

"It is a signal that they are starting to panic," said SPD spokesman Michael Donnermeyer after several leading newspapers reported that Kohl had responded favorably to the proposals.

"It also shows that, six months before the election, they still don't have a clear campaign strategy," he added.

The CDU was badly stung in Lower Saxony on Sunday, where the SPD rode on a wave of voter frustration over 13 percent unemployment and won nearly 48% of the vote, the highest score in the northern state since World War II.

Voters were annoyed by Kohl's pledge to halve unemployment from four million by the year 2000, which he abandoned early this year after the rate had instead climbed by 20% to nearly five million.

The SPD rewarded Lower Saxony premier Gerhard Schroeder, a popular pro-business centrist, by nominating him to challenge Kohl in September's federal election.

The defeat in the Lower Saxony, Germany's third largest state, was especially painful for the CDU because Kohl had campaigned extensively in a futile bid to weaken Schroeder.

Voters were not impressed by his portrayal of the CDU as the party of European integration against a backdrop of rising unemployment, falling real wages and fears over the loss of their beloved deutschemark to the single European currency. Political analysts said the change in strategy showed the conservatives were still reeling from Sunday's electoral defeat.

"It was a big kick in the shins for Kohl," said Bernhard Wessels, political scientist at Berlin's Free University.

"He is going to have to talk more about solutions to unemployment and the issues Germans

Turkish Islamists honor Ataturk

Ismail Alptekin, chairman of Turkey's recently formed Virtue Party, leads party officials as they march in Ankara yesterday to the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the father of secular Turkey. The Virtue Party was formed by members of the Islamic Welfare Party shortly before the latter was closed down because of its anti-secular policies. (AP)

Charles' Camilla back in spotlight

By JILL SERJEANT

LONDON (Reuters) – Prince Charles and his long-term lover Camilla Parker Bowles found themselves back in the spotlight yesterday after six months in the shadow cast by Princess Diana's death.

Parker Bowles, the woman who stole Charles's heart more than 25 years ago, was reported to be spending nights with the heir to the throne at his London palace.

The Sun tabloid said she even keeps her own wardrobe of clothes at Charles's St. James's Palace residence for what it called her "secret overnight visits."

The Daily Mail said Parker Bowles, 50, spent two or three nights a month at the palace, but never when Charles's two teenage sons William and Harry are staying there with their father. The boys are reported never to have even met the love of their father's life.

A spokeswoman for Charles declined to comment on the reports. "The prince's domestic arrangements are private and we do not discuss them," she said.

Parker Bowles, whose adultery with Charles was blamed for breaking up his marriage with Diana, has scarcely been seen since the princess's sudden death in August.

Only weeks before the fatal Paris car crash, Charles and his friends had launched a carefully orchestrated campaign to improve the image of the woman despised by many Britons but whom he has described as "non-negotiable" in his life.

Charles threw a lavish semi-public birthday party for Parker Bowles last July at his country home in Highgrove, where she has been a regular visitor.

But yesterday's newspaper reports were the first to locate the divorced, somewhat dowdy mother of two at the heart of Charles's official royal life.

The Sun said the arrangement "will shock people who are still grieving over the death of Princess Diana."

However it quoted an unidentified close friend of the couple as saying they were entitled to some happiness together. "As a couple they will attract criticism whatever they do. Until Diana's death there was a good chance they might be accepted as a couple.

"Both Charles and Camilla are almost resigned to the fact that they may never be seen in public together but that should not stop them being together privately," the friend said.

Computer crime on rise – survey

By ANDREW QUINN

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) – Computer crime is booming and few people are doing enough to protect themselves against assaults ranging from stolen laptops to high-tech Internet heists worth millions, a watchdog group said yesterday.

In its third annual survey, the Computer Security Institute said 520 specialists polled at US corporations, government agencies, financial institutions, and universities reported that the wired world is becoming increasingly dangerous.

"Sixty-four percent of respondents report computer security breaches within the last 12 months," the survey said. "This represents a dramatic increase of 16 percent over the 1997 survey results."

Most of the computer crime victims could not estimate how much money they had lost to the cyberthieves. But 241 organizations did tally it up, leading to a total of $136 million – up 36 percent over 1997.

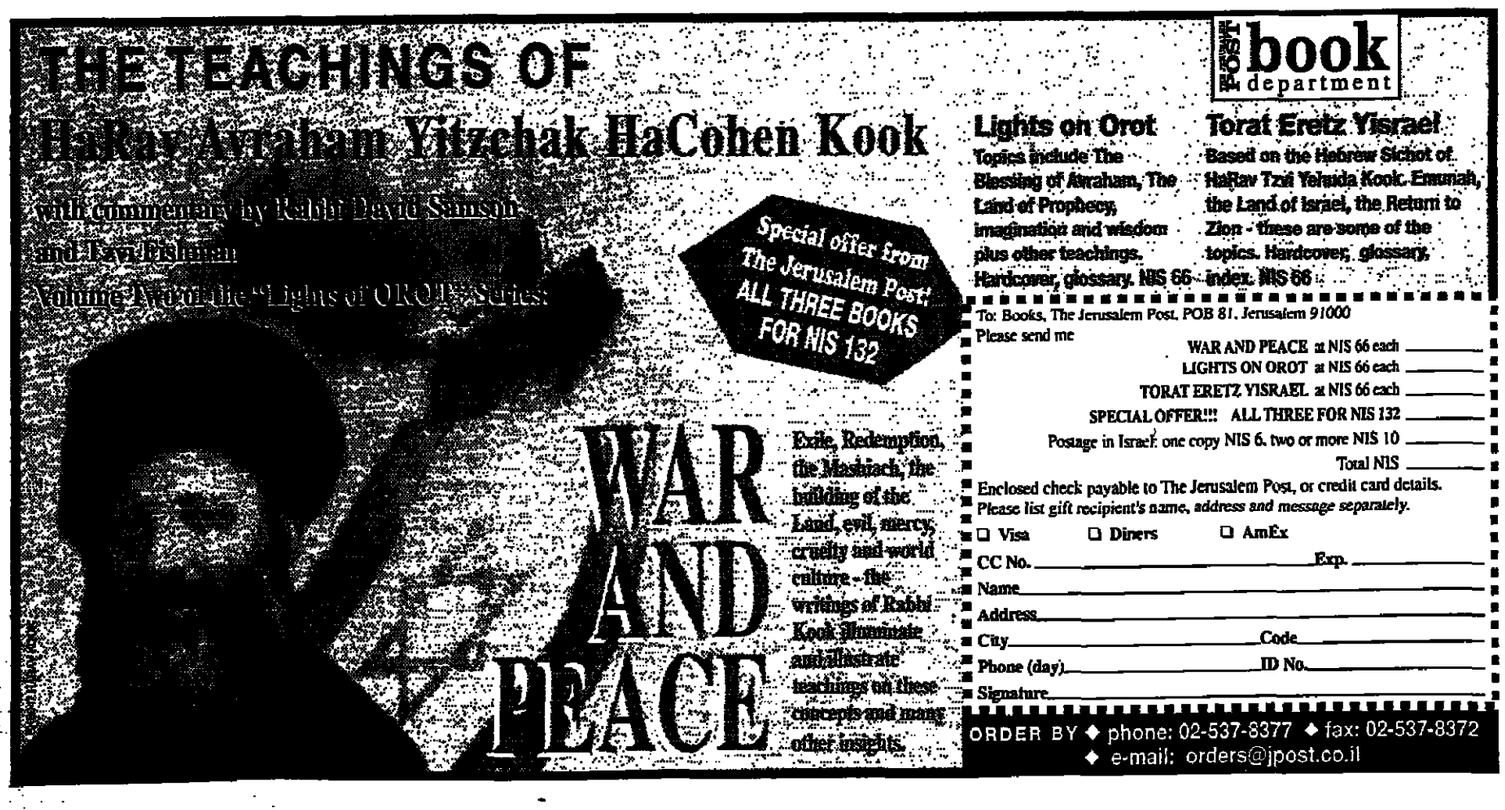
The breaches ranged from computer viruses and laptop theft to financial fraud, theft of proprietary information, and sabotage.

Patrice Rapalus, director of the San Francisco-based institute, said the survey's findings about financial losses due to security breaches showed that not enough is being done to combat computer crime.

"While companies may think that they are spending the requisite amount on information security, the dramatic increase in quantified dollar losses indicates otherwise," she said.

The survey follows the revelation last week that the FBI suspects two California teenagers of being responsible for a string of "hacker" assaults on 11 US military computers this month, which officials have called "the most organized and systematic attack the Pentagon has seen to date."

Investigations continue and neither of the boys has been arrested. But officials said the ease with which two high school students apparently accessed important government computer systems was a wake-up call about the weakness of government and corporate computer networks.



Women at focus of US election year

By EDWIN CHEN

WASHINGTON — The American woman, in the eyes of Congress at least, is in distress.

Whether young or old, married or single, parent or childless, a salaried employee or a work-at-home mom, she needs help from Uncle Sam. And Democrats and Republicans alike are rushing to provide it.

With proposals ranging from a higher minimum wage to billions more for child care, from pension reform to protections for "innocent spouses" from the tax collector, politicians of every stripe are vying to become a woman's best friend as congressional elections approach.

But this outpouring of chivalry by the overwhelmingly male Congress is quickly turning into a nasty, partisan brawl, prompting one moderate GOP senator to inveigh against indulging in "mommy wars."

Much of what is on Congress's agenda, such as reforming public education and preserving Social Security and Medicare, is not overtly gender-specific. But it directly addresses concerns more often voiced by women than men.

"It's the name of the game," said GOP pollster Tony Fabrizio.

For Republicans to win, they will have to play catch-up. The "gender gap" reached new proportions in 1996, when President Bill Clinton outpolled Republican challenger Bob Dole by 16 percentage points among women – even as men divided 44 percent for Dole and 43 percent for Clinton.

"What you have now is, the Democrats feel that the female vote is what they need in order to win, and so they are protecting her," Fabrizio said. "The Republicans are recognizing that females have by and large slipped out of their reach, at least on the federal level, and they are trying to gain her."

Analysts and pollsters say the recent personal allegations against Clinton have caused no erosion in the gender gap.

"Women have stuck with him much more than men – even accentuating the gap," said Norman Ornstein, a political analyst at the American Enterprise Institute.

FOR ALL the focus on women, however, many of the issues being debated "have always been out there," said Anita Perez Ferguson, head of the National Women's Political Caucus. "They are simply being presented now with a bit of a slant."

Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-Wash.), head of the House GOP effort to "bridge the gender gap," has been actively promoting the message that her party cares about women and their concerns.

On her Internet Web page, Dunn trumpets the 1997 tax cuts as a boon not only for the public at large, but for women in particular. She also touts the Republican plan to cut the estate tax as disproportionately benefiting women because they tend to outlive men.

GOP strategists such as Fabrizio warn, however, against an exclusively pocketbook appeal, noting that issues such as education, health care and safe neighborhoods tend to resonate more with women than do economic issues.

Among the bills designed to appeal to women:

• Legislation offered by Dunn to allow women to make "catch-up contributions" to their private retirement plans upon returning to the work force after maternity leave. Sen. Judd Gregg, (R-NH), has introduced such a bill in the Senate.

• A GOP measure to abolish the so-called marriage penalty, which makes a couple's taxes higher than those of two people with the same income living together but filing separately.

Rep. David M. McIntosh, R-Ind., described the bill as the "working women's tax relief bill of 1998."

• A bill by Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, (D-NY), to ensure that breast-feeding in the workplace is a protected activity under civil rights laws. It would also provide a tax credit to businesses that provide "a safe, private and sanitary location where a woman can use lactation equipment or breast-feed her child."

Separately, Rep. Jon Christensen, (R-Neb.), is leading a fight against a Clinton proposal to tax those who transfer their annuity investments from one account to another. Christensen pointedly noted: "55 percent of annuity owners are women."

And both parties and Clinton have vowed to crack down further on deadbeat parents, who are mostly fathers.

THREE RECENT developments on Capitol Hill further illuminate the stampede to enact pro-female legislation – while exposing the deep philosophical differences between the two parties.

At a February 12 Democratic Party unity rally, all three testimonials about the good economic times were delivered by women from private life. After the president endorsed an increase in the minimum wage at that same event, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, (D-Mass.), noted that 60 percent of the potential beneficiaries are women.

"The minimum wage is about women," he said.

A day earlier, at a Senate Finance Committee hearing on reforming the Internal Revenue Service, the leadoff panel consisted of four women who had been zealously pursued by the IRS because their ex-husbands owed back taxes.

Current laws hold spouses responsible for the entire tax liability, but the GOP wants greater protection for "innocent spouses."

At about the same time as the IRS hearing, the GOP-dominated House debated a resolution stating that government child-care initiatives must not discriminate against stay-at-home parents.

In his budget, Clinton proposed tax credits for businesses that provide child care for employees and tax deductions for child care for working families. The five-year initiative has a $21.7 billion price tag.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, (R-Miss.), responded by calling "first and foremost" for tax cuts as the way to enable more families to keep one parent at home with a family's children.

The House vote on the child-care resolution was unanimous: 409-0. But it belied the heated debate that preceded it.

Led by Rep. William F. Goodling, (R-Pa.), chairman of the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Republicans chastised Clinton for ignoring the family with a stay-at-home parent.

"Washington must not discriminate against the 50 percent of parents who sacrifice a second income so one parent can stay home to raise their children," said Rep. Dave Weldon, (R-Fla.).

Democrats argued that Clinton's proposals would assist families that do not have the luxury of keeping one parent at home.

Rep. Lloyd Doggett of Texas derided the GOP measure as "a true do-nothing resolution [that] seeks to create a false dichotomy between families ... and to pit one group against another."

But Dunn said it was Clinton who had done just that.

"His plan creates a bias against mothers who have sacrificed an income to raise their children at home," she said.

Underlying the debate, Ornstein said, is an ideological battle over the role of the family.

Conservatives, he said, "want to encourage traditional families, with mothers that stay at home. And they rebel against government policies tilted toward families that work."

Sen. John H. Chafee, (R-RI), who advised against waging "mommy wars," is drafting a plan to provide tax credits for stay-at-home parents and government-subsidized day care.

For Republicans, focusing on specific legislation is all well and good, Fabrizio said.

"But the truth is, symbolism, language, demeanor and basic understanding of the drastic changes that have happened in women's lives have a lot more to do with it than any specific legislation."

Thus the GOP's opposition to the minimum wage and desire to limit abortion rights could undermine its ability to court women.

"Republicans still have a difficult time with the far right of their party," Ferguson said. "So they don't come out as particularly friendly to women."

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Paths of meditation

MEDITATION FROM THE HEART OF JUDAISM: Today's Teachers Share Their Practices, Techniques and Faith edited by Avram Davis, Woodstock, Vermont, Jewish Lights Publishing. 237pp. $21.95.

THAT'S FUNNY, YOU DON'T LOOK BUDDHIST: On Being a Faithful Jew and a Passionate Buddhist by Sylvia Boorstein. San Francisco, HarperCollins. 170 pp. $20.

THE COMPASS OF ZEN by Zen Master Seung Sahn, Boston, Shambhala Publications. 394pp. $20.

QIGONG EMPOWERMENT: A Guide to Medical, Taoist, Buddhist, Wushu Energy Cultivation by Master Shou-Yu Lian and Wen Ching Wu, Rhode Island, Way of the Dragon Publishing. 384 pp. $34.95.

By Nachman Spiegel

If there is any consensus among the 22 contributors to *Meditation from the Heart of Judaism* it is that meditation is okay for Jews, too. When it comes to just what makes a style of meditation Jewish or how it should be practiced, though, the views resemble a variegated salad bar more than a harmonious garden. One rabbi credits his 10 years as a budding Buddhist with awakening him to Jewish essence, nuance and subtlety he might not otherwise have discerned. Another finds it baffling to see so many Jews stalking other paths toward spirituality when, in his words, "it's right there in your back yard, not in the Himalayas. Now go and learn."

Yet a third pulpiteer says meditating is okay by him as long as it stems from a Halacha-first-and-foremost posture. In this regard, he adds, it might be useful to approach Halacha as an "art."

His description of how one goes about doing so could make the esoteric ramblings of an ascetic Himalayan mystic sound comparatively straightforward and arguably more practical.

When Sheila Peltz Weinberg writes in her essay, "Meditating as a Practicing Jew," that "the work of *tikkun olam* and social justice depends on individuals who have looked at their own internal demons and are growing beyond their greed and self-centeredness," the inference is that meditation helps bring about this kind of self-transformation.

Daniel C. Matt voices a similar view when he emphasizes that, through meditation, "we're engaged in the world, we cannot flee from it."

In "The Promise of Jewish Meditation," David Cooper has the astute hutzpa to assert that "mainstream Judaism has become distanced from the substance of experience."

Meditation, he feels, may restore substance to Jewish ritual depleted of such by rigid adherence to form for its own sake. Others no doubt will argue that it is only through such form that any glimpse of substance may be attained. It would be odd if those taking exception to Cooper's view didn't find this collection generally off the mark.

If such critics are in the mood to really flip a gasket, they should give Sylvia Boorstein's *That's Funny, You Don't Look Buddhist* a good gander. She defines God in a way which accommodates, and is at ease with, the Buddhist view that heralds Emptiness as the most delusion-free of all realms. In one example, Boorstein breaks down Psalm 121 ("where will I look for help?") and interprets many of its components as alluding precisely to Buddhism's core credo. For the open-minded, her interpretation will seem credible enough. These bridges she builds, though, will find a far more hospitable context for use inside the broad boundaries of American tolerance than they will within the stormy polarities of Israel.

For practicing Buddhists, attachment to a particular emotional state serves only to obscure the mind's innate clarity. Through meditation one gradually learns to become less and less attached. Life's more turbulent episodes thereby lose some of their damaging power. "To whatever degree I am able to see the world wisely and keep the truth clearly forged in my mind," Boorstein writes, "I will see that truth in any story in the Torah." Her sensitive synthesis of two towering traditions serves as a refreshing reminder that,

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Sylvia Boorstein

as world citizens, we may sometimes partake of the richness found elsewhere without infringing on our own basic bottom lines.

Before it embarks on a thorough survey of the primary pillars of Buddhist thought, Zen Master Seung Sahn's *The Compass of Zen* distances itself from religion. "The teaching of Buddha is not really a religion at all," he maintains. "Buddhism is a path."

The fullest, most precise and articulate summary of how one reaches and remains steady on this path might well be to step aside from the realm of words altogether and just shut up. Seung Sahn illustrates the constant availability of such an option by commenting on numerous critical Buddhist teachings. His exegeses transport the reader to an array of varying dimensions. Yet that which is abstract is notably not among these. Moreover, he even blames the waning of Buddhist practice in some places where it once thrived on those who were determined to lose track of the connection between their spiritual quest and its connection to the events of their everyday lives.

Day-to-day healthy living through specific physical exercise based on a detailed system of movement is at the heart of Lian and Wu's *Qigong Empowerment*. While many books on qigong focus on a particular style, this one attempts to encompass every major school of practice within the discipline. Medical qigong uses concepts of traditional Chinese medicine to guide the maximum flow of one's inherent energy to where it is most needed and to thereby ensure overall balance. Taoist and Buddhist styles of qigong not only include routines for physical soundness but act to enhance one's spiritual capacities as well. Each offer methods to bolster the ability to thwart off the incursion of negative influences. Wushu styles involve martial arts and may foster an extraordinary capacity for self-defense. Every school set forth by Lian and Wu demands sustained commitment if the intended benefits are to be achieved. Lian was already at it by the time he turned six.

Although it's doubtful that anyone starting out much later than that could ever master all the techniques *Qigong Empowerment* covers, anyone looking for a method either to begin or to address an immediate need can count on this book. Those interested in traditional Chinese medicine also will find the extensive acupuncture charts helpful. At times, though, the correspondence between exercise descriptions and accompanying photographs necessitates flipping pages back and forth and is distracting. Yet perhaps this, too, is instructive, because in the realm of qigong impatience plays no constructive role.

The obsession over preventing or getting rid of wrinkles is discussed by Dr. Richard G. Glogau in 'The World Book Health and Medical Annual.'

Health updates

THE WORLD BOOK HEALTH AND MEDICAL ANNUAL, 1996; THE WORLD BOOK HEALTH AND MEDICAL ANNUAL, 1997; SCIENCE YEAR, 1997 (352 pp. each); **OUR AMAZING BODIES, CHILDCRAFT ANNUAL** (224 pp.), World Book, Inc., Chicago. NIS 99 each. Available from World Book's Israeli representative, POB 4364, Jerusalem 91043, tel/fax 02-6785605.

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Medical and science writers strive to make the obscure and the complex understandable to the layman, even to a child. They know that many people are able to write, but few know enough about science; many others are well informed about science, but few are able to write about it in a clear and engrossing manner.

These hard-cover volumes, all produced by the company that publishes the *World Book Encyclopedia* in print and on CD-ROM, were produced by authors and editors blessed with both these gifts. The publication of annual supplements, sold separately or as a package-deal with the encyclopedia, were directed and supervised by a four-member editorial board of US physicians or scientists; they were written by dozens of contributors – highly qualified medical and science journalists as well as professors and other professionals in the various fields. Since the supplements are stored with the encyclopedia, each has colored stickers – marked with a subject like hiking, deafness, hypertension or step throat – which can be glued to the relevant chapters and refer readers to the latest updates from the annuals.

The interdisciplinary team responsible for the volumes show an uncanny ability to focus on subjects that are of immediate interest to the majority of readers or that will be prime issues in the years to come. For example, the growing legions of greying Baby Boomers has piqued interest among Americans (and indeed, people throughout the West) in ageing, diet, stress, unhealthful working environments, healthier lifestyles, women's health issues and coping with death in the family. All these issues – and many more – are explained with great accuracy and based on the latest scientific discoveries, using immediately understandable language and impressive, full-color illustrations.

Although monthly American health and science magazines focus on some of the same topics, these volumes can be trusted as completely objective, without pushing fads and scientifically unproven theories. Scientific and medical knowledge change at a startling pace, but the information inside will not quickly become obsolete.

The 1996 health and medical annual devotes space to the Mediterranean diet, explains how to decipher food labels, and advises how to adapt nutrition needs over one's lifetime. It encourages family mealtimes instead of rushed, separate consumption of junk food, and discusses changing criteria for "ideal" body weight. The latest news about using one's own blood for an operation, combatting headaches, getting wrinkles removed, treating hemorrhoids and infertility, teaching one's kids about sex and avoiding food poisoning is presented.

The 1997 supplement provides information about hormone-replacement therapy, gum disease, forgetfulness, joint replacement, hearing problems, laser therapy for skin and eyes, diabetes, alcohol abuse and much more. In a section on genes, it even credits Jerusalem researchers (but not by name: Dr. Richard Ebstein of Herzog Hospital is one of the major participants) for discovering a gene connected with risk-taking behavior. The last 130 pages of each volume consist of health updates and resources listed alphabetically; these are the latest proven medical discoveries during the past year.

As a daily follower of medical journal and news service reports, I can vouch for the fact that these updates are reliable and carefully explained. An item on phen-fen, the diet drug, does not mention that it has been barred for sale in the US due to fears that it may cause irreversible heart damage, because that news was made only months ago; it undoubtedly will be included in the 1998 annual.

The science update volume, in which readers may have less personal interest compared to the medical volume but which fascinates nevertheless, also manages to focus on current issues. Among these are the age of the universe, the rewards and risks of space exploration, learning why airplanes crash, the search for the first cell and Lake Erie's comeback from pollution. It, too, is illustrated with excellent photographs and diagrams.

Each of the three volumes concludes with an index covering the issue itself plus two previous annuals from the same series.

Our Amazing Bodies, a supplement to *World Book's Childcraft* series and also in English, is aimed at younger children rather than the older teenagers and adults that are the audience for the annuals. Printed in large text with eye-catching graphics, it explains the various bodily systems in an imaginative, topic-by-topic method. There are interesting facts, such as "a healthy human body has enough iron to make a 2.5-centimeter nail and more calcium than 0.9 kilogram of chalk." There are songs, stories, "Body Basics" such as "Why do teeth get cavities," an introduction to past and present researchers, and do-it-yourself projects, such as studying your own fingerprints. English-speaking and -reading children will have a hard time putting this volume down, even when it competes with their computer and TV.

The gypsy and the rebbe

THE FAR EUPHRATES by Aryeh Lev Stollman. New York, Riverhead Books. 206 pp. $21.95.

By Leslie Cohen

The only sanity, the only sanctuary, is God. That is the conclusion of *The Far Euphrates*, a novel which meanders through the interior landscapes of Holocaust survivors and their families. The story is told through the eyes of Aryeh Alexander, a rabbi's son growing up in Canada. Paralleling Alexander's childhood and adolescence, the reader passes through many stages of innocent observation as the ghastly facts about the survivors are gradually revealed. *The Far Euphrates* traces Alexander's search for the spiritual in everyday life. His most intimate circle of family and friends is populated by Holocaust survivors, all of whom go through the motions of ordinary routine, but who are nonetheless shards of what they once were.

Bernard and Hannalore are survivors of twin "studies" that were performed on them at Auschwitz. After the war, Bernard becomes a cantor and a close friend of Alexander's father.

Hannalore works as a servant in the homes of rich people.

Neither Bernard nor the rabbi ever criticizes Hannalore's decision to embrace Christ, or to wear a crucifix at all times. Their tolerance is never explained, but becomes clear at Hannalore's funeral. Bernard and his wife, Berenice, are unable to have children.

The cantor shows his love and longing through his gardening.

He plants a grove of palm trees and gives each one a personal name. During a hurricane, he risks his life to protect them from the storm.

When Alexander is very young, his mother takes him to a gypsy for advice, for he seems to her too dreamy, and somehow abnormal for a young child. While the rabbi is not pleased, he doesn't complain. Years later, Alexander learns that his mother's brother has died after spending many years in a mental institution. This is the first time he has heard of his uncle Avner. Alexander's overprotective, worried mother takes on a new dimension.

Alexander befriends Marla Cook, a seriously deformed girl who occasionally comes to synagogue with her mother, despite the fact that they are Christians. The Cooks are very wealthy, and wear precious jewels. One of them, a sapphire, was given to Marla's (deceased) father by a Jewish family whom he rescued during the Holocaust. On her deathbed, Marla gives the sapphire to Alexander as a present.

Just after his high school graduation (a year early) Alexander chooses to isolate himself, imitating God's *tzimtzum* (withdrawal). During Alexander's year-long seclusion, the rabbi invites his son to go on a "pilgrimage" to the Hassidic rebbe of Crown Heights. Alexander accepts.

The rebbe's reaction is exactly like the gypsy's: neither one believes that the boy needs help.

Every manner of coping with the hideous past is acceptable to Alexander's father, the rabbi. His faith in God is unshaken by the Holocaust, and undaunted by the apostasy of his close family and friends. He is a learned intellectual, a respected community leader and a kind human being. He is often an island of sanity in the lives of his contemporaries. The rabbi forgives his staunchly atheistic parents for returning to live in Germany after the war. His love for his wife, his parents, and for Alexander, is unconditional. Given this exemplary role model, it is not surprising that Alexander develops a deep and abiding faith in God.

STEIMATZKY'S BESTSELLING PAPERBACKS

1. **God of Small Things** by Arundhati Roy. HarperCollins.
2. **The Partner** by John Grisham. Dell, Arrow.
3. **The Ranch** by Danielle Steel. Dell, Corgi.
4. ***Serpent's Tooth*** by Faye Kellerman. Headline, Avon.
5. **Pretend You Don't See Her** by Mary Higgins Clark. Pocket.
6. **Cold Mountain** by Charles Frazier. Sceptre, Vintage.
7. **Gospel According to the Son** by Norman Mailer. Ballantine, Abacus.
8. **President's Daughter** by Jack Higgins. Berkley, Penguin
9. **Acts of Love** by Judith Michael. Warner, Fawcett.
10. **Plum Island** by Nelson DeMille. Pocket, Warner.

BOOK BYTES

Pulitzer Prize-winning short story writer and essayist James Alan McPherson was born in Savannah, Georgia, in 1943. As a Black, he emerged from the segregated South to eventually earn a law degree from Harvard. He describes his life as "a very fragmented experience." McPherson, who worked as a railroad dining car waiter, recalls, "When I was about 18 I went to St. Paul, about 1962, and went into a restaurant and ordered a hamburger. I sat near a white woman and her child and it was like committing a crime. I was ashamed of that feeling."

While studying law in Cambridge, Massachusetts, McPherson worked as a janitor to pay his rent. Instead of taking law internships in the summer, he took writing courses. In 1968 he dropped off a story at the *Atlantic Monthly*, also located in Cambridge. "Just before New Year's I left the manuscript at the front desk and said it was a special delivery. I couldn't bring myself to say it was from me at the time. I looked like a bum, you see." The ms. got lost under the receptionist's desk for three months. When his story finally landed on the editor's desk, McPherson received a call to ask "if I had any more stories. I said I have many of them." These became his first critically acclaimed book, *Hue and Cry*. A subsequent collection, *Elbow Room*, won him the Pulitzer in 1978. *Crabcakes* (Simon & Schuster), his latest book, is a memoir built around two seminal events: A house McPherson bought to save an old Black couple from eviction and his encounter with two Japanese intellectuals.

SCI-FI FANS will be pleased to hear that a new trilogy of prequels (as opposed to sequels) to Frank Herbert's *Dune* is on the drawing board. *Dune*, a smash hit in 1965 which sold over 10 million copies, is now considered a classic of the genre. Herbert wrote five sequels to his original book; the last of these, *Chapterhouse: Dune*, was published in 1985; there are five million copies in print.

The prequels will be written by Herbert's son Brian together with Kevin Anderson, who has written SF books in the *Star Wars* and *X-Files* series. The books, to be published by Bantam, will be based on notes and outlines left by Herbert senior at his death in 1986. Sadly for Dune enthusiasts, the first in the series is not due out until 1999.

ADREANA ROBBINS, the thirty-something daughter of the late Harold Robbins, is publishing her first novel called *Paris Never Leaves You* (Tor Books). The scuttlebutt says that her story about a young girl who discovers she is the long-lost daughter of a famous artist follows her father's tried-and-true formula for success, but in a female vein. Incidentally, *The Predators*, the last book by Robbins, père, is being published posthumously, also by Tor.

WINNIE-THE-POOH is expanding his horizons. In a series called *The Wisdom of Pooh* that Methuen is publishing the Bear of Very Little Brain expounds on philosophy and life. Other Methuen titles will include *Pooh and the Ancient Mysteries*, *The Pooh Dictionary* and *The Pooh Book of Quotations*. And for classics scholars, Pooh is being translated into Latin: *Winnie Ille Pu* and *Domus Anguli Puensis*. Imagine schoolchildren quoting Pooh instead of Ovid and Cicero.

David Brauner

The New York Times BESTSELLERS

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7. **The Perfect Storm** by Sebastian Junger. (Norton $23.95.) An account of the nor'easter of 1991.
8. **Conversations with God: Book 1** by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam $19.95.) The author addresses questions of good and evil.
9. **Into Thin Air** by Jon Krakauer. (Villard $24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.
10. **James Cameron's Titanic** by Ed W. Marsh. Photographs by Douglas Kirkland. (HarperCollins $50.) A lavishly illustrated account of the making of the film.

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2. **Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution** by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon $6.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.
3. **The Beanie Baby Handbook** *1998 by Les Fox and Sue Fox.* (West Highland $6.95.) A new edition and a guide for collectors of the toys.
4. **Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul** compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Kirberger. (Health Communications $12.95.) Inspiration.

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President Weizman

Though the outcome was never seriously in doubt, the nation heaved a collective sigh of relief upon the news that President Ezer Weizman was reelected to a second five-year term.

Not because there was anything unlikable about his opponent, MK Shaul Amor, or that Amor would not have been a good president. But for all the talk about how Amor was a candidate "of the people," it is Weizman whose common touch ensured his re-election and has made him a successful president.

The presidency, as a largely ceremonial office, often falls victim to questions of why it exists and what it can contribute. As an office with high stature and little political authority, it is vulnerable to being exploited as a place for politicians to be "kicked upstairs" — a sort of honorable political exile. In fact, the presidency was born in this spirit, when David Ben Gurion tapped his rival Chaim Weizmann, the current president's uncle, to be president.

The choice of Shaul Amor as the Likud candidate for the presidency was an extreme example of the exploitation of the office for political convenience.

Amor, who also serves as mayor of Migdal Ha'emek, was number 32 on the Likud's list in the last election. He was reportedly promised a spot in the cabinet by Netanyahu. When that wasn't delivered he was as Likud's candidate for speaker of the Knesset, and when that fell through he was proposed for a deputy ministry, but the prime minister didn't even find Amor eligible for that mid-level position.

It is unseemly, to say the least, that having been passed over for other less senior offices than the presidency, Amor would be offered as a 'consolation prize' the post of head of state. For this, Amor himself is not to be blamed. In the end, he is to be credited with running a dignified 'campaign,' and his relatively good showing in the vote itself is testimony mainly to the desire of his colleagues not to embarrass him.

What is unfortunate is that Amor's candidacy was admittedly and entirely based on an attempt to play on class and ethnic divisions — exactly the wrong basis to run for an office whose primary purpose is to unify the country.

Amor's slogan, first promoted by National Infrastucture Minister Ariel Sharon, was that he would be "the first president from the second Israel." While there may be some merit to the point that non-Ashkenazim are underrepresented in Israel's power elite, one's social or ethnic background should not be considered the sole qualification for one of the highest offices in the land.

If former foreign minister David Levy, who represents a similar socio-economic background, were a candidate for president, no one would suggest that he lacked the requisite experience, seniority, and prominence to qualify for the job.

By contrast, the choice of Amor is clearly a case of 'affirmative action,' and therefore somewhat demeaning to the very sectors of society it is supposed to appease.

Weizman was right to bristle at the implication of the Amor candidacy, that because he happened to be born into an elite family in Israel, he could not represent all Israelis. By creating a new tradition of visiting the family of every soldier who gave his life for his country, and every victim of terror, Weizman has touched a chord among all Israelis, and no doubt broadened his own exposure to all walks of life.

Weizman has a reputation for speaking his mind, and a way of projecting the voice of his long experience that is endearing and reassuring.

Unfortunately, this same lack of restraint has led him, perhaps more than any president before him, to jeopardize the institution of the presidency through careless and offensive statements.

It is a bad idea for the president to take sides publicly on controversial political issues, even when he reflects the majority sentiment. Whatever short-term benefit such statements might have, the cost of undermining the unifying function of the presidency is too high. As for statements that directly offend different sectors of the population, Weizman should respect his own office enough to eliminate them entirely.

What is most refreshing and useful about the office of the presidency is that it is a corner of the political system that aspires to be above politics. Even more than the prime minister, the president is supposed to represent the nation both domestically and globally. Weizman should be heartened by the strong popular support he received in the context of his reelection, but he should also pay attention to the seven blank ballots that were cast.

These ballots, more than the 49 cast for Amor, should inspire Weizman to deploy his charm and popularity towards enhancing, rather than detracting from, the unifying quality of the presidency.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LEBANON

Sir, – Our most important strategic interest in Lebanon is to counter the Syrian threat, that is, Syrian use of Lebanon as an avenue of attack against Israel meant to conquer and destroy the State of Israel. Protection of the border settlement is a vital interest too of course, but secondary to protection of the entire state.

As long as Syrian armed forces control Lebanon, all of Israel is under threat. By the way, since the Syrian occupation of Lebanon is approved by Western powers (formally or informally), in particular the United States and France, we see the hypocrisy of Western complaints about Israel\s alleged occupation of parts of the Land of Israel and the superficiality of Western calls for self-determination for "Palestinians" (i.e., the Arabs living in the Land of Israel who were never considered a people by anybody, least of all themselves, until after the restoration of Israel).

After all, if self-determination and freedom from occupation are good for "Palestinians," why are they not good for Lebanese?

Another Israeli interest in Lebanon is respect and protection for Israel's friends there; any betrayal of these friends would have grave consequences for Israel's regional and international standing, as well as within Israel itself. Israel is not in a position to betray its friends, as France, for example, does customarily. The government needs to address these issues.

ELLIOTT A. GREEN
Jerusalem.

ELIMINATE TERRORISM

Sir, – Daoud Kuttab ("Let us travel freely," February 15) bemoans "Israel's failure to allow Palestinians to travel without a travel pass," while Israelis need none.

Discrimination, apartheid, he cries! Israelis, Mr. Kuttab, for the past 30 years have not founded terror organizations to blow up passenger planes, take hostages and and murder civilians singly and en masse. Nor do they move arms and terrorists from Gaza to Judea and Samaria by car.

Travel passes, as well as identity checks at road barriers and on city streets, security precautions at sea and airports and other indignities, have been made necessary by Palestinian Arab terrorism. You know that as well as anyone. Work to eliminate terror, Mr. Kuttab, and you will find that with its termination, the security measures will disappear.

BERNRARD SMITH
Jerusalem.

THE WRONG DIRECTION

Sir, – "Flying off in the wrong direction" is the headline of Adina Hoffman's review of "The Wings of the Dove." Ms. Hoffman's annoyance at the disparity between the film and the book, for whose author, Henry James, she obviously has a high regard, prevented her from doing justice to the film.

Sadly the cinema was half-empty perhaps due to Ms. Hoffman's extremely harsh criticism, and we wonder if she reviewed this film from the "wrong direction."

NORMAN AND LOLA COHEN
Jerusalem.

ARAFAT'S DEMANDS

Sir, – Yasser Arafat has been complaining bitterly that the government of Israel is not fulfilling its obligations under the agreements signed during the peace process. He has spent most of his time travelling around the world trying to get support for the Palestinian position and wants additional pressure put on Israel to fulfill its obligations under the peace agreements.

Would it not be better for him and the Palestinian people if the Palestinians would fulfill all of their obligations under these agreements and thereby deny the government of Israel the opportunity of using the excuse that the Palestinian Authority has not fulfilled its obligations under these agreements?

Only then will Yasser Arafat be in a position to demand from the government of Israel that it fulfill its obligations under these treaties.

A. NOODELMAN
Rehovot.

WORTH A MENTION

Sir, – You recently published Michael Ajzenstadt's review of several recordings of the Sibliens Violin Concerto.

I wonder why he does not mention the, admittedly ancient, recording by Ginette Deveu. This great French artist, together with her pianist brother Jean, was tragically killed in a plane crash in 1949.

I have never forgotten her unbelievably moving performances at London's Albert Hall. Her recording of the Sibelius is still one of the best. Her mother wrote a wonderful little book in her memory, which included chapters by several famous musicians, including Sir John Barbirolli. Ginette should at least have been mentioned.

DORIS HASSON
Haifa.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On March 5, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported at length on the vast number of Nazi attacks on Jews throughout Germany. A bomb was thrown at an ancient synagogue in Koenigsberg.

50 years ago: On March 5, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that Hagana vigilance had foiled two attempts by Arabs to drive vehicles carrying bombs into Jewish areas of Haifa. In one case a car exploded, killing its Arab occupants, and in the second the driver was killed before the bomb was detonated.

25 years ago: On March 5, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the first party of a group of 250 US pilgrims, rescued from an explosion aboard their Mediterranean cruise ship, the 3,200-ton *Sounion*, arrived aboard a special El Al plane from Cyprus where they were flown from Beirut.

Alexander Zvielli

He's a general

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

Members of the government were astonished to hear that Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was heading for Paris this week to hold discussions with French government officials about a possible Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon. Equally surprising was the news that the IDF would be replaced by Lebanese troops protecting the north of the country, bolstered, perhaps, with French troops and a UN presence.

The consternation aroused by Mordechai's solo effort at diplomacy was expressed by a high-ranking political source who said, "The government has not even taken a decision on this issue yet. Nor has it drawn up any agreed parameters which would be necessary before any such decision could be taken.

"Mordechai's job is defense minister," the source continued. "Surely he should be concentrating on how to cope with the increasing volume of Hizbullah attacks instead of visiting Paris in what, looks like a personal public relations operation."

Mordechai plunging into the "nest of snakes," as a diplomat who has served in the French capital put it, will make him easy prey for attacks on his government's policy. With his lack of experience of dealing with the ruthless, often brutal brand of French officialdom, he will most certainly be manipulated like fresh dough being shaped into a baguette by the anti-Israeli establishment there.

It is because of Mordechai's private attempt to emulate Kofi Annan's triumphant sojourn to Paris that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has called a cabinet meeting today to discuss the government's stand on Lebanon.

Netanyahu personally experienced being treated like a leper by French President Chirac during his last visit to Paris three months ago. So much so that on his forthcoming trip to Europe – where he will visit Spain, Germany, Norway and England – he is deliberately giving France a miss.

The present haughty tone of the French authorities was exemplified by the way French Interior Minister Jean Pierre Chevenement, a close buddy of Saddam Hussein, mocked the US and British efforts to insist on inspecting Iraqi palaces by commenting, "Not even the Nazis dared suggest that they had the right to search Napoleon's tomb in Paris when they came marching up the Champs Elysees."

Like a viper waiting to embrace its victim and let him feel the sting of its poisonous fangs, the French are relishing Mordechai's arrival

MORDECHAI must understand that France's only interest in the Lebanon issue is to see Israel hand over the Golan Heights lock, stock and barrel to Syria.

Together with the Russians, France is riding high today. Paris, like Moscow is moving heaven and earth to take advantage of a weak president in Washington who has diminished US influence among Arab countries in the Middle East to such an extent that a vacuum has been created in the area.

If Clinton had attacked Iraq it would at least have forced the Arab world to realize that the US will not be trifled with. Now that Saddam Hussein is raising his fists like a triumphant boxer who just delivered a knock-out to Uncle Sam, France sees a golden opportunity to step into the arena as a major player among the Arab countries she has been wooing assiduously for over 50 years.

Like a viper waiting to embrace its victim and let him feel the sting of its poisonous fangs, the French are relishing Mordechai's arrival. They know full well why he is visiting. His astute ambassador will have briefed them that Mordechai's reputation has taken a battering due to his conflicting advice on what to do in the event of an Iraqi attack. Above all his flip advice to buy plastic sheets to be used in the event of chemical and biological weapons attack created an atmosphere of near-panic.

Until his missteps, Mordechai had been considered a serious rival candidate to take over from Netanyahu as prime minister.

Now, Mordechai's dangerous adventure has alarmed not only members of the Israeli government, but his own chief of staff. Said Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak just two days ago, "Syria will not allow Lebanon to reach any agreement with Israel without its blessing." And we all know that Syria's demand is for an unconditional and total withdrawal from the Golan, which is the opposite of Israeli policy.

An army intelligence officer declared, hoping no doubt his minister of defense was listening: "Hizbullah will not allow the Lebanese government to make any deal about new security arrangements in the south."

And what of the dismay among Lebanese Christians and other forces who have trusted Israel not to abandon them after for long years fighting alongside Israeli troops against fundamentalist Shi'ite terrorists? Should Israel withdraw from the security zone, Israel will have to take in thousands of these soldiers with their families to prevent them being massacred – Algerian style – by Hizbullah.

As Mordechai seeks to curry favor with the Four Mothers' campaign for an immediate, unconditional withdrawal from Lebanon, Labor MKS, including party leader Ehud Barak, warn: "A unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon will endanger our residents in the north and convey weakness."

Mordechai will surely discover that his trip may look glorious to those who campaign for an unconditional withdraw, but it's not war.

And to think that he's a general.

The writers are Jerusalem Post *columnists*

Not the land!

DANIEL DORON

The government is apparently about to transfer huge Negev and Galilee tracts to the Jewish Agency, ostensibly to exclude Israeli Arab bidders eligible to participate in government tenders, but barred from agency ones.

The agency will sell the land and, as Chairman Avraham Burg put it, the deal will accomplish two purposes, since "the only way the state can be involved in settlement and Jewish education is through the Jewish Agency... [and since] we have no money, the only way to advance these objectives is through this debt."

The "debt" with which Mr. Burg is saddling Israelis is the preposterous claim – which Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman rightly rejects – that now, when state lands granted gratis to agency-subsidized moshavim are being "privatized," their value skyrocketing, the agency should share the loot, squandering additional billions on advancing "Jewish goals" with its efficient bureaucracy. Burg, the quintessential Israeli career macher, has the vision thing, so who cares if he cannot even draw a realistic budget, or ever balance one?

MOST AGREE that there is a problem with indiscriminately offering government land to Israeli Arabs as long as there is no peace, and that many of them show a keen and natural identification with their hostile brethren. But to suppose that this delicate and excruciating problem, nearly impossible to sort out legally, can be entrusted to the notorious agency bureaucracy, is a bitter joke. Especially since the firm line that should be drawn between true security concerns and arbitrary discrimination is bound to be exploited by the bureaucracy to maintain its deadly grip on the land. This bureaucracy has resisted selling land even to individual Jews – claiming they may "sell it to Saudi sheikhs" – but it managed nevertheless to sell huge tracts of prime land for a song to cronies and political allies. Moreover, it then raked in billions by retailing land at inflated monopoly prices to land-starved Israelis, mostly middle and lower strata, who mortgage themselves for life for decent housing.

THE AGENCY has historically almost bankrupted the Zionist enterprise through its settlement policies. Since the Twenties, it instituted collectivist policies that caused repeated failures (not that its educational endeavors, mostly consisting of platitudes and political propaganda, were a smashing success considering Western aliya numbers). The agency allocated its resources, raised from successful capitalist Jews, to propagate in Palestine, then Israel, a radical socialist program that repeatedly failed at great cost, kept alive only with heavy subsidies. Israeli taxpayers were fined twice by the "damned if I care how my money is used" attitude of the Jewish charitable leadership (which squandered billions without ever asking for due diligence). They paid billions in inflated prices to the agricultural monopolies, big bureaucracies, and costly "ventures," and then also bailed out the poor farmers ruined by them.

By nationalizing land, and giving it away, collectivist policies have caused a great waste of precious resources (including scarce water). Without setting a price it was impossible to determine who used them efficiently. "Public," namely ownerless land, could additionally not be used as collateral for raising capital, depriving the capital-starved national enterprise from perhaps the greatest leverage for growth.

Disastrous collectivist policies caused subsidized losing enterprises to crowd out efficient private ones. Worse still, charitable funds were also used in the Twenties to wage a brutal class war against budding private industry, ruining many with violent strikes and boycotts. Thus, while Jews managed to prosper whenever given half a chance, in Mandatory Palestine they were unable to industrialize, urbanize, and create a sound economic basis to absorb mass immigration from pre-Holocaust Europe. But since disastrous policies can go on when someone is willing to pay, the collectivist exercise was repeated in the Fifties when the agency helped cast away immigrants in so-called "development towns" and moshavim, without proper resources, creating all the terrible social and economic ills from which we still suffer.

Jewish Agency and government settlement policies impoverished the otherwise humanly and technically superb agricultural sector. This forced many farmers to have their land tilled by Arab subcontractors, who may eventually buy it. It is the ultimate irony, therefore, that to commemorate its 50 (more accurately almost 80) years of major failure, the Jewish Agency will be rewarded with another chance to go at it. The ever-suffering Israeli taxpayer will probably have to pay dearly for this folly, but since when was catastrophic cost a deterrent in achieving fantastic "Jewish nationalist goals?"

The writer is director of the Israel Center for Social Economic Progress.

Some Brits protest

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

There was a big march into London on Sunday, already termed "historic." The numbers were very large (an estimated 250,000), the complaints myriad, the catalyst a protest against a pending bill that would outlaw "hunting with hounds."

The objective is to put an end to hunting foxes. The ostensible reason is a real concern by some animal lovers for foxes. The primary concern, in the opinion of one analyst: "the men with red coats and black caps who ride around on horses."

It is class-struggle time for many, and is to be expected that the new friends of foxes should come from the Labor Party. A free vote (meaning one unrestricted by party discipline) reveals that of the 417 Labor members of Parliament, only two will vote to leave the sport alone.

The invasion from rural England, though triggered by foxes, was a general cry for attention by English country-dwellers. They are angry because of the foxes (20,000 Britons are employed as accessories to the sport), angry because they do not believe enough government money is being spent for country roads.

They are hurting because of the economic effects of mad cow disease, and they are suffering from the effects of the solid English pound, which hurts exports.

Why protect foxes and not birds?

Unifying the marchers was resentment – resentment of the overlordship of urban over country. And nothing highlights this more than the proposed "right to roam" legislation, which would give anybody – everybody – the right to stroll over rural property, though presumably not to smoke cigarettes while doing so because the British are on the same bandwagon as Americans on that subject.

The idea that utter strangers have the right to promenade over your own property is offensive to deeply entrenched British instincts having to do with the sovereignty of property. But the fox business is the key question.

"Will they," I asked a keen British man of affairs, "then call for outlawing bird-shooting?" Well, he thought this inevitable. Why protect foxes and not birds?

He then leaned over and spoke in tones that suggest: "Don't let out what I am about to tell you." What he proceeded to tell me was: Had I ever seen an abattoir in operation? No, I said, but in my youth I read Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle*, which was the first American 20th-century muck-raking book, about the horrible end of cows and bulls in the slaughterhouses of Chicago.

"Well, when they notice what happens in abattoirs, there will be a serious movement against the eating of meat." The perception that the fox-hunting ban is psychologically directed more specifically to frustrate fox hunters than to shelter foxes stems from the language, the prohibition to "hunt with the hounds." That is so because there is a second way to do essentially the same thing, which is the "drag" hunt.

The procedure there is to take the carcass of a fox, presumably one executed by a needle injected into his leg very early in the morning, and drag it along a route for five or six or 10 miles, which a few hours later will entice the hounds who smell the fox to lead the hunters galloping through field and forest until the carcass is discovered.

Commentary on the subject has been lively. The abolitionists, *The Sunday Telegraph* comments, "tend to fall prey to the anthropomorphic myth of animal rights. Mr. Blair himself has repeatedly declared that with every right must come a duty. Perhaps the Labor MPs so keen to defend the rights of the fox could explain what corresponding duties these animals accept."

The dependably cranky Auberon Waugh concluded his column on Sunday's march: "What distinguishes these nice people [who have tender thoughts about animals] from unpleasant ones holding the same opinions is the latter's element of self-righteousness. Unpleasant, sanctimonious people are to be avoided because they are boring. What distinguishes the merely unpleasant from the fascists is the latter's desire to stop anyone from hunting. These people – the fascists – should be insulted, kicked and thrown into the nearest river whenever possible."

Those of us more moderate in disposition would favor throwing them into the river only every other day.

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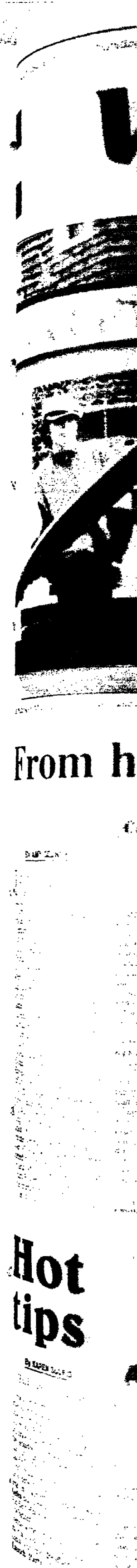

Weekender

Hot tunks: Matt Damon (center) and Ben Affleck (far right) are Hollywood's new young heartthrobs.

All that jazz

By DAHLIA SCHEINDLIN

AFTER HOURS

Camelot is a fine blend of a jovial beer-and-nachos tavern on one end, and a mellow jazz, blues and ethnic live music venue on the other.

Co-owner Eran Keren proudly tells the story of the club that is now called Camelot. "In the 1940s," he explains, "the Dolphin Bar was a piano bar, a favorite spot for British officers in the pre-state period."

The owners, it would appear, don't want food to distract clients from the main activities of drinking and fraternizing. The menu sports a far more impressive range of alcoholic beverages than food, which contributes to the high-pitched atmosphere. The place is also decidedly less pretentious than its Sheinkinite neighbors to the south.

Entering a small cave-like stairwell leads one to the real thrill of Camelot's existence: the musical venue that is one of Tel Aviv's most important locales for the burgeoning jazz and ethnic scene in Israel.

As Keren explains "we tried to create a high-quality jazz and blues scene within the club world ... but in Israel," he notes sardonically, "it's hard to live on jazz alone. People won't pay for just that, so we have taken an extremely varied approach."

The result is a stunning array of the most up-and-coming, as well as the most established Israeli ethnic, jazz and fusion groups, such as Yair Dalal, Esta, and Bustan Avraham, in their ethnic series. They also bring in jazz and blues artists from outside Israel – often from the US – who sometimes work together with Israeli musicians in joint shows and musical projects intended to encourage mutual influence.

Camelot's downstairs patrons include the inevitable inner circle of fans and managers of the local band, such as Esta's cheering crowd. Impresarios gaze intensely at the performers, while the various discrete groups of insiders give the feeling that things are happening, connections are being made, and everybody knows somebody.

Music fills every corner of the intimate room as the performers set the tone of the evening, which may range from profoundly mellow to rocking and grooving.

Shows begin between 10 and 11 p.m., heightening the sense of late-night camaraderie. Unobtrusive decor, with no gimmicks save for a neon Heineken sign, allows for complete concentration on the chief activity of the downstairs which, in contrast to food and drink consumption, is hard-core music appreciation.

The place is a must-visit for those seeking to identify the major names in Israeli music, and the owners have excellent discretion in their selection of highly original, quality performers.

If the downstairs risks taking itself a touch too seriously, the main floor always extends its light-hearted partying tone, seeming to say, "Come on in and have a beer!"

Camelot, 16 Rehov Shalom Aleichem (corner Ben-Yehuda), Tel Aviv. Tel: (03) 525-7042

From high school to high profile

Catapulted into stardom by the film 'Good Will Hunting,' co-stars and co-screenwriters Matt Damon and Ben Affleck take time to field a few personal questions

By AMY SELWYN

It's happening. Matt Damon and Ben Affleck are becoming movie stars. We're talking about limousines, magazine covers and hordes of giggling teenagers breathlessly asking for autographs.

Not that Damon or Affleck are especially impressed.

Friends from high-school days in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where the two caught the acting bug, Damon, 27, and Affleck, 25, say they're "acting nerds, not shameless self-promoters like Madonna." Let the Hollywood star machine grind on. These two guys are just stayin' cool.

Damon, star of Francis Ford Coppola's adaptation of the John Grisham best seller *The Rainmaker*, has teamed with Affleck, of *Chasing Amy* and *School Ties* fame, to write and star in one of the season's big movies, *Good Will Hunting*. The story of a young mathematical genius named Will Hunting (Damon) from the wrong side of the Charles River, *Good Will Hunting* was directed by Gus Van Sant (*To Die For* and *My Private Idaho*) and co-stars Robin Williams in the role of the therapist who heads young Will in the direction of love and fulfillment.

Affleck plays Chuckie, Will's wisecrackin', beer-guzzlin' childhood buddy, who pushes his smarter friend to get out of South Boston.

Damon and Affleck recently kicked back, donned baseball caps and talked about life after high school, getting the girl, and the perks of being Bruce Willis.

But, be forewarned, these guys are rarely serious ....

• How have you changed since high school?

Damon: I'm a lot cooler.

Affleck: And I'm not nearly as cool. I don't know what happened, but I've lost it. I was smooth in high school. Now I'm weak.

Damon: I have to agree, man. And I have to say, it's pulling us apart. I just don't hang out with him as much as I used to. I just don't call very often.

Affleck: That's because he's cool. I call more. That's because I'm not cool.

• If we were to take a poll among your high-school colleagues, which one of you would be more likely to play the character who gets the girl?

Damon: It depends on which year you're talking about.

Affleck: And it depends on who you ask. I had some years that were less than strong.

Damon: I'm guilty of having some less than salad days.

Affleck: I can't answer the question. I don't know. But I'd sure like to know the results of the poll.

Damon: Me, too.

• What was it like working with Robin Williams?

Damon: Well, Robin's an Aries. So he can be really bitchy.

Affleck: I don't want to gossip, but Robin's wife should really wonder what he's doing grabbing Matty's butt all over hill and dale. That kind of thing makes a fellow wonder. But for all those people out there in Newspaper Land, I think I should state for the record that it was really exciting working with Robin. He's incredibly talented and he's a hero of ours. And he's very, very funny. He was cracking us up all the time.

• What is the best part about becoming celebrities and being recognized?

Damon: I don't really feel like a movie star. I haven't been recognized. But after watching Denzel Washington in *Courage Under Fire*, I'd have to say it's a real perk being able to lead tank battles. Denzel was the star and he got to do that.

Affleck: The extent of my celebrity at this point is, like, 20-year-olds with tattoos at the record store. Now take Bruce Willis. *He's* a movie star. Major celebrity power. We were shooting a film called *Armageddon* the other day, and I had a cigarette in my hand. Bruce Willis said to me, 'Hey, man, don't smoke in front of the president.' And I said, 'What are you talking about, Bruce?' And he's like, 'Don't smoke in front of the president.' Then George Bush got out of the car. And Bush said, 'How are ya doin', Bruce?' I was thinking, 'Hey, Bruce Willis knows the president! What's goin' on here?' So, I'd say hanging out with president of the United States is a probably a good perk. A good benefit to celebrity. Even with former presidents.

Damon: I'd rather hang out with Chevy Chase.

• If you could hang out with any famous person, who would it be?

Damon: Easy question. I'd pick Jesus. I'd like to get to the bottom of all of this. I'd ask him, 'Now what *exactly* did you say?'

Affleck: Shakespeare. Yeah, Shakespeare would be great. I'd like to steal some of his manuscripts and then come back and say, 'Hey! I wrote this thing.'

Damon: Yeah, I could see it now. You just happened to write a couple of folios....

Affleck: OK, well, if not Shakespeare, then that guy D.B. Somebody or another. The one who parachuted off that plane, the robber, the one with a lot of money.

Damon: Yeah, that would be cool. But then there would be some people who do that totally lame actor thing. They'd say, 'If I could meet anyone in the world, it would be Marlon Brando.' They'd say something stupid like, 'I wanna go back and go to The Actors Studio.' How lame is that?

Affleck: Totally and completely lame. *(AP)*

Reference CDs on my mind

Norman Spector, publisher of *The Jerusalem Post*, talks about his favorite reference books on CD-ROM

In May of 1997, Norman Spector assumed the position of publisher of *The Jerusalem Post*. Prior to that, he worked in several spheres of public service.

Born in Montreal in 1949, Spector received an Honors B.A. in political science from McGill University. Awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship in 1970, he attended Columbia University, where he obtained an M.Phil and Ph.D in public law and government. He also received an M.S. in TV and radio from Syracuse University.

He entered the Ontario public service in 1975 and in 1980 became deputy secretary for the Ministry of Intergovernmental Relations in British Columbia. He was then appointed assistant deputy minister in the Office of the Premier of BC before serving as deputy minister until 1986.

That year, he became secretary of the Cabinet (Federal-Provincial Relations) and in 1990 became chief of staff in the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada.

In 1992 Spector was appointed ambassador of Canada to Israel and high commissioner for Canada to Cyprus.

Spector has written on a wide range of subjects in a variety of publications and writes a regular column on foreign affairs in the Canadian national newspaper the *Globe and Mail*.

1. *The Encyclopaedia Britannica*

"This double-disc CD includes everything that exists in the 32-volume print version. When I travel, I do a lot of writing on the plane, so I take my laptop and my reference books – all on compact disc. The search engine on this CD is very sophisticated. For example, you can type in a question such as 'What is the riddle of the Sphinx?' This CD provides the answer immediately. It goes beyond the print version in that it is multimedia and includes the most important articles from the previous editions, dating back to 1760. So there are articles on socialism by George Bernard Shaw and on psychoanalysis by Sigmund Freud. It will also prepare for you an entire project on a given subject, such as a comparative analysis of adult literacy in Israel and Egypt, including text, graphs and tables."

2. *The Oxford English Dictionary*

"This CD includes the entire dictionary, which comprises 20 volumes and has 300,000 entries. It does extremely sophisticated searches. For example, it will give you a list of all the words that have entered into the English language from Hebrew (or any language) since a specific year. Or it will provide a list of quotations from the works of any author you choose (e.g., there are 87 from James Joyce). It will also do an etymological search of any word."

(Brian Hendler)

3. *The Jerusalem Post on CD-ROM*

"This CD contains all the articles that have appeared in the *Post* since 1990. There is an updated version every three months which is included in the yearly subscription package. It's excellent for fact checking. For example, I was writing an article about the recent Iraq situation and wanted to verify the date of the first missile fired on Israel during the Gulf War. I entered 'Scud' and 'Tel Aviv' and got my answer."

4. *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*

"No speech writer would be without this publication. I write all my own speeches, and I used to write them for [former Canadian prime minister Brian] Mulroney. This CD also has a great search engine. You just type either an author's name or a key word or a topic and you get a wide selection of quotations to choose from. It's so handy."

5. *The Encyclopaedia Judaica*

"The multivolume edition of that familiar series of blue books is contained on one multimedia CD. It is, of course, extremely helpful in my work. It is an excellent reference resource. For example, when prime minister Rabin was assassinated, I did a search for a historical parallel and found that during the Temple period, Gedalia ben Ahikam had been murdered. This CD has all the information the print version has, but you access the information faster and it is much more compact."

– Ruth Beloff-Begun

Hot tips

By KAREN SULKIS

Tel Aviv Area

Groovy hipster Boho artistes can enjoy live music as they paint and draw – or watch those groovier and more Boho than they paint and draw – as part of the **Jazz in the Studio** program. The jam starts at 9 at 24 Cremieux Street. Call 685-6787.

He's baaaack! And he's got a sassy new haircut to show for his time in swinging London. **Aviv Gefen** plays new music tonight at 9 at Beit Hahayal.

Whether you're looking for that special someone or just looking to have a good time, you'll want to check out the **Profiles Spring Launch Party**. The singles-oriented fun starts tonight at 9:30 at the Havana Bar, 12 Hayarkon Street. NIS 40 includes admission and your first drink. Call 523-4338.

Aviv Gefen

Corinne Allal and **David Saban** perform tonight at 10 at the Tel Aviv Port. The show will be broadcast by Radio Tel Aviv (102 FM).

The Cinematheque screens Woody Allen's miniscule and magnificent *Zelig* tonight at 7. 2 Sprinzak Street, near the corner of Carlebach. Call 691-7181.

Violinist **Mirel Resnick** and drummer Papo Levi perform tonight at 10 at Apropo Tzahala. Call 648-7098.

Jerusalem

Women Shaping the Future leads a **silent vigil** for the safety and security of the children of Jerusalem. Meet today at 3 p.m. in Zion Square. Call 628-5615.

Journalists Christopher Morris, Ari Goldman, Charles Sennott and *Jerusalem Post* Associate Editor Amotz Asa-El lead an open **discussion of contemporary issues**. Tonight at 7:30 at Yakar, 10 Halamed-Heh Street. Call 561-2310.

Points Beyond

Women hold up half the sky – and the entire **Woman '98**, a festival of women in the arts in Holon in celebration of International Women's Day. Tonight's program includes a screening of *Cold Sunny Day* at 8:30 at the Holon Theater. Call 503-7779.

Music lovers can enjoy a unique **Jazz in the Museum** program tonight. "Before You Talked" is an evening combining drums, vocals, piano, guitar and bass. Concert begins at 9 at the Haifa Museum of Art, 26 Shabtai Levy Street. Call 852-3255.

Speakers including former head of the government press office Dr. Yossi Olmert, women's activist Ruth Resnick and *Jerusalem Post* journalist Helen Kaye discuss **"Israel at 50: A Cause for Celebration?"** with moderator Danny Bloch. Tonight at 8 at Yad Labanim, Ra'anana. Call (09) 741-2652.

Television

Tonight's TV schedule goes from the ridiculous and sumptuous to the sublime. First at 7:50, the Movie Channel airs the 1995 remake of ***Bye Bye, Birdie***, starring *Seinfeld*'s George (Jason Alexander) and *Cagney and Lacy*'s Lacy (Tyne Daly).

Then at 11:30, Channel 2 is showing Ang Lee's masterful kitchen drama **Eat Drink Man Woman**. You'll find the film filling and nourishing, even if you don't speak Chinese and can't read fast enough to catch the Hebrew subtitles. Serving suggestion: Order in Chinese takeout before you watch the movie. Who knows? Maybe the sight of the film's fantastic foods will actually improve the taste of most local Chinese fare.

If you don't feel like taking a nap between these two broadcasts, there's always the 10:05 showing of ***Homicide*** on Middle East TV (24). So what if these episodes go back in time from Channel 2's Wednesday night broadcasts? These hard-boiled characters and their plot lines are timeless.

Radio

Love the symphony but hate the crowds and the high ticket prices? You can enjoy the **Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA** from the comfort and safety of your own home. Conductor David Shallon leads tonight's program of works by Seter, Chopin, Bartok and Bernstein. So light some candles, pour a glass of wine and tune in to the Voice of Music (91.3 FM) at 8:05.

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Weekender Food & Drink

Prime time – filet it again

Steak houses are back in vogue. **Jennifer Viegas** shows you how to create a low-fat steak-house menu in your own home.

Upholstered banquettes. Dark wood paneling. Oversize menus encased in plastic. Highballs with swizzle sticks and martinis. Foil-wrapped mints and toothpick dispensers next to the cash register. You've been there.

It's probably an American steak house. It's a treat for most of us, not somewhere we eat five nights a week.

Still, an average restaurant steak for one person ranges in weight from 240-600 gr. That means you could be eating as much as 65 gr. fat – not exactly in the "light" ballpark. Should you also order standard accompaniments, such as a Caesar salad, creamed spinach and cheese fries, you're not only out of the ballpark, you've passed the Goodyear blimp. And we haven't even gotten to dessert.

To remedy this heavy situation, we've taken some typical items from the steak-house menu and brought them in line with today's healthful eating preferences. Of all the classic side dishes, our biggest challenge was to lighten a baked potato stuffed with "the works." By using reduced-fat cheddar and low-fat sour cream, this bold, flavorful potato makes the nutritional cut. So now you can create your own steak house at home. The only things missing will be the fat, the calories and a maitre d' named Gus.

A somewhat lighter filet mignon.

Cherry cheesecake with fewer calories.

FILET MIGNON WITH SAUTEED ONIONS

2 tsp. cracked pepper
½ tsp. salt
2 garlic cloves, minced
4 120 gr. beef tenderloin steaks (2½ cm. thick)
cooking spray
1 cup thinly sliced onion, separated into rings
⅔ cup dry red wine
2 Tbsp. steak sauce

Combine first 3 ingredients in a small bowl. Rub both sides of beef with pepper mixture. Place beef on a broiler pan coated with cooking spray; broil 5 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness. Set aside, keeping steaks warm.

Place a medium-sized nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Add onion to skillet, cover and cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove onion from skillet and set aside, keeping it warm.

Add wine to skillet, scraping pan to loosen the browned bits. Cook over medium-high heat until reduced to ⅓ cup (about 1 minute) and stir in steak sauce. Spoon wine sauce over steaks and top with onion. (Serves 4.)

THE WORKS STUFFED POTATOES

cooking spray
3 garlic cloves, minced
4 medium baking potatoes
1 cup low-fat sour cream
½ cup shredded, reduced-fat, extra-sharp cheddar cheese, divided
⅓ cup minced green onions, divided
¼ cup low-fat milk
¼ tsp. salt
freshly ground pepper (optional)

Preheat oven to 205°. Place a medium-sized nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium heat until hot. Add garlic and saute 1 minute. Set aside.

Bake potatoes at 205° for 1 hour or until done; cool slightly.

Cut a lengthwise slit across top of potatoes and carefully scoop pulp into a bowl, leaving shells intact. Mash together the potato pulp, garlic, sour cream, ¼ cup cheese, 3 Tbsp. onions, milk and salt.

Increase oven temperature to 230°. Stuff shells with potato mixture and top them with remaining cheese and onions. Place the stuffed potatoes on a baking sheet. Bake at 230° for 15 minutes or until potatoes are thoroughly heated. Sprinkle with pepper, if desired. (Serves 4.)

CAESAR SALAD

1 hard-cooked large egg
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. olive oil
1 Tbsp. water
2 tsp. red wine vinegar
1½ tsp. anchovy paste
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
⅛ tsp. pepper
1 garlic clove, crushed
8 cups torn romaine lettuce
1 cup croutons
8 tsp. grated fresh Parmesan cheese

Cut egg in half lengthwise and remove and reserve yolk for another use. Mince egg white.

Combine juice and next 8 ingredients (juice through garlic) in a small bowl; stir well with a whisk.

Combine egg white, lemon juice mixture and lettuce in a large bowl, tossing well. Divide lettuce mixture evenly among each of 4 bowls and sprinkle each with 1/4 cup croutons and 2 tsp. cheese. (Serves 4.)

CHERRY CHEESECAKE

cooking spray
¾ cup graham cracker crumbs
2 Tbsp. sugar
2 Tbsp. margarine, melted
⅔ cup sugar
⅓ cup flour
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 tsp. vanilla extract
500 gr. low-fat Philadelphia-style cream cheese
2 large eggs
½ cup low-fat milk
⅓ cup low-fat sour cream
3 large egg whites (at room temperature)
¼ cup sugar
600 gr. cherry pie filling

Preheat oven to 150°.

Coat a 23 cm. springform pan with cooking spray. Combine crumbs, 2 Tbsp. sugar and margarine. Firmly press crumb mixture into bottom and 5 cm. up sides of pan.

Combine ⅔ cup sugar, flour and next 4 ingredients (flour through eggs) in a large bowl; beat at high speed of a mixer until smooth. Add milk and sour cream to cheese mixture and beat until smooth.

Beat egg whites at high speed of a mixer until soft peaks form. Using clean, dry beaters, gradually add ¼ cup sugar, 1 Tbsp. at a time, beating until stiff peaks form. Gently fold egg-white mixture into cheese mixture.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake at 150° for 55 minutes or until almost set. Remove from oven, cover and chill 8 hours. Top with pie filling. (Serves 8.)

CREAMED SPINACH

600 gr. fresh spinach
cooking spray
2 Tbsp. minced shallots
2 tsp. flour
⅛ tsp. salt
⅓ tsp. ground nutmeg
½ cup low-fat milk
½ cup low-fat cream cheese, softened

Remove large stems from spinach, rinse with cold water and drain.

Place a large casserole over medium heat and add spinach. (Spinach will need to be tightly packed into the pan to cook all of it in one batch.) Cover and cook 5 minutes or until spinach wilts; stir spinach well after 2 minutes. Place spinach in a colander and drain well, pressing spinach with the back of a spoon to remove as much moisture as possible.

Place pan coated with cooking spray over medium heat until hot. Add shallots and saute 2 minutes. Combine flour, salt and nutmeg; add to pan, stirring well. Cook 30 seconds. Add milk and cheese, stirring with a whisk; cook 1 minute or until thick. Add spinach and cook 30 seconds or until thoroughly heated. (Serves 4.)

HERBED POTATO WEDGES

2 baking potatoes, each cut into 8 wedges (for skinnier, crispier fries, cut each potato into 16 wedges)
1½ Tbsp. olive oil
½ tsp. kosher salt
½ tsp. dried thyme
¼ tsp. dried marjoram
¼ tsp. dried tarragon
¼ tsp. dried rosemary
¼ tsp. pepper
minced fresh parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 205°.

Place potato wedges in a jelly-roll pan. Drizzle with oil and toss well.

Combine salt and next 5 ingredients (salt through pepper) and sprinkle them over potatoes. Bake at 205° for 50 minutes or until tender, turning once. Sprinkle with parsley, if desired. (Serves 4.)

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Phyllis's Tips

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Many lemons (OK)

Segal's gourmet line has another addition: Lemon Zest Supreme. Manufactured for Segal by Olivia, this new sauce is made from the juice and peels of lemons, limes, limequat (miniature limes), Persian lemons and pickled lemons. It is designed to give a lemony flavor to cold and hot vegetable dishes, and to enrich vinaigrettes, sweet-and-sour sauces and even peanut sauce. It also can be used to flavor fish, soup, chicken or meat. It contains no protein or cholesterol and only 2 calories per tablespoon.

Although this is handy to have around when you need to add a lemon flavor to various foods, the presence of the peels in the sauce gives it both a slight aftertaste and a slight bitterness. Sold in a 500 ml. bottle for NIS 19.50.

Wonderful wafers (excellent)

I never thought I was a fan of wafer cookies, until I tasted the new Auer wafer cookies imported from Austria. For those who thought that wafers were the cheap cookies served at kindergarten parties or at five o'clock teas on kibbutzim, these wafers are another experience entirely. Auer wafers are considered among the best in the world, and it's no wonder; the wafers are far more generously filled with nut, chocolate, coffee or coconut cream than any Israeli wafer cookie and the wafer itself is the crispest I've ever tasted. You can find them in 20 gr., 50 gr. and 100 gr. packages selling at NIS 2, 3 and 5.50 respectively. There are also family-sized packages of 200 gr. (NIS 11) and 400 gr. (NIS 19). The only reason I might think twice about buying the family-sized package is the temptation of finishing it myself!

Already stuffed: Poppy-seed filling (avoid)

Vita's new poppy-seed stuffing for cakes and (of course) hamentashen saves you the time and trouble of mixing the ingredients and dirtying a pot. But do you really want (or need) to spend NIS 4.50 on a 450 gr. container of filling with preservatives and food coloring? And, the truth is, it doesn't even taste good. Here's an easy recipe for poppy-seed filling that tastes great.

POPPY-SEED FILLING

1 cup ground poppy seeds
½ cup chopped pecans
½ cup chopped raisins
1 cup milk (or soy milk)
¼ cup demerara sugar
¼ cup honey
2 tsp. vanilla extract or lemon juice

In a small saucepan, mix all the ingredients except for the vanilla. Cook on low heat, stirring occasionally, until the mixture is thickened and the milk is almost totally absorbed. Take off heat and stir in vanilla. Let cool before using. That's all there is to it. (Makes enough filling for 2 dozen hamentashen.)

Kosher catering

Daniela Calpaka began her cooking career at age 16, later studying in France at the Cordon Bleu school and the renowned La Notre school. Four years ago, she began catering for groups of 100-1,200, specializing in the use of herbs and herb oils to enrich food rather than artificial ingredients like pareve cream. Average prices are $40 plus VAT per person.

One of Calpaka's assistant chefs, Gil Gorvitz, studied at the Culinary Institute of America, worked at Dixie Bar in Tel Aviv and learned sushi-making in southeast Asia. Calpaka's number is (09) 767-3661 and below is one of her recipes.

STEAMED CHICKEN DIM SUM

for the dough:
225 gr. sifted flour
½ tsp. salt
1 egg, beaten
3 Tbsp. cold water
for the filling:
2 chicken breasts, ground
1 Tbsp. fresh ginger (grated)
½ cup mixed celery and Chinese cabbage, finely chopped
2 tsp. soy sauce
2 tsp. rice wine or sherry
salt
1 tsp. sesame oil
¼ cup chicken stock
1 tsp. citrus vinegar

To make the dough, mix together the salt and flour and make a well in the center. Pour in the egg and water and use your fingers to form a dough, kneading lightly. Divide in half and roll out one at a time to form a thin dough. Cut into 24 circles.

Mix all the filling ingredients together. Put 1 tsp. in the center of each circle, fold over the edges and crimp each dumpling closed with your fingers.

Steam the dumplings in a bamboo steamer or a couscous pot until tender and translucent. Serve with ginger, hoisin or soy sauce. (Makes 24.)

Back

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Could you tell us what a vegan is and what seitan is?
– Susie Mandel, Alon Shvut

A vegan is a vegetarian who also omits from his diet anything of animal derivation, like eggs, dairy products and honey. Some vegans do not fry food, but will steam it, while others try to base their diets on uncooked foods. There are also vegans who will not wear leather or use cosmetics that contain animal derivatives.

Seitan is the Japanese name for wheat gluten, which is prepared by separating the wheat's protein from its other components. Wheat gluten is available in health-food stores.

There was once a parve shmaltz with fried onions in the cooler at the Supersol, but I can't find it anymore. Could you find a South African immigrant and get the recipe? It is made with parve margarine.
– Esther Friedman, Netanya

Although I will print your request for a recipe for parve shmaltz, I'd like to remind you that margarine is not considered a healthy source of fat anymore. Rather than using hydrogenated fat, why not try cooking more with oil?

This also is a good time to mention that it seems like many readers were intrigued by the question on butter shmaltz and wrote in to say that it is just another name for clarified butter.

I have been unable to find a prepared breakfast cereal without sugar. Do you know of a brand ?
– Ruth Lapan, Zichron Ya'acov

Telma (Jerusalem Granola) manufactures a granola without sugar. Its shredded wheat is low in sugar. You also can try making low-sugar or sugarless granola at home. Here is a recipe that I particularly enjoy. You can lower or eliminate the brown sugar if you so desire. Another possibility is to use real maple syrup instead of honey.

GRANOLA

2 cups wheat germ
1½ cups oatmeal
½ cup sesame seeds
½ cup coconut
½-1 cup almonds
½-1 cup raisins
2 Tbsp. brown sugar
½ cup water
2 Tbsp. honey

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Mix together wheat germ, oatmeal, sesame seeds, coconut, almonds and brown sugar. Toast the mixture in a flat pan for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Combine the honey and water. Using a wooden spoon, mix the honey mixture into the oats to create lumps. Return to the oven and toast another 10-15 minutes until lightly browned.

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Wine Cellar

Millennium wines

By NOGA TARNOPOLSKY

Numerous wineries around the world have decided to celebrate the end of the millennium with the presentation of special-edition wines. Many wineries already are offering them as advance-purchase collector's items, at more attractive prices than the bottles will carry when they eventually are released.

The Carmel Winery has begun selling a limited edition of 6,000 bottles of a turn-of-the-century wine called Millennium. The wine, a cabernet-style red, is still in the production phase, but the winery maintains it will be one of Carmel's finest. (Purchases can be made through the winery or *Al Hashulhan* magazine.)

The idea of welcoming 2000 by creating a superb wine has quite a bit of charm and appeal. The problem, however, is that it is virtually impossible to know what the quality of the wine will be when it is purchased so far ahead of time. Of course, the wines themselves, it is presumed, will only arrive at your doorstep shortly before midnight on December 31, 1999.

THE EFRAT Winery is presenting a new series of wines called 1870 (the year the winery was founded), that is more upscale than most of its other wines. Four varietals are being sold under this label: Johannisberg Riesling, emerald riesling, merlot and sauvignon blanc. The grapes for all of them come from two select vineyards – one in Upper Galilee and the other in the Judean Hills. The wines, while not yet particularly sophisticated or complex, are clean and clear. They are a step in the right direction for Efrat as they are better made and more successful than those the winery has previously released.

All of the wines are intended for immediate consumption and are likely to find a receptive audience. I found the Johannisberg Riesling 1997 the best of the lot, with a good floral aroma and a clean taste, even though its flavor has a tendency to dissipate in the mouth. Though the Sauvignon Blanc 1997 also was acceptable, the slight astringency normally associated with this varietal was quite overpowering in this case.

The prices are reasonable by local standards, ranging from NIS 22.90 to NIS 34.90 a bottle.

Weekender Travel

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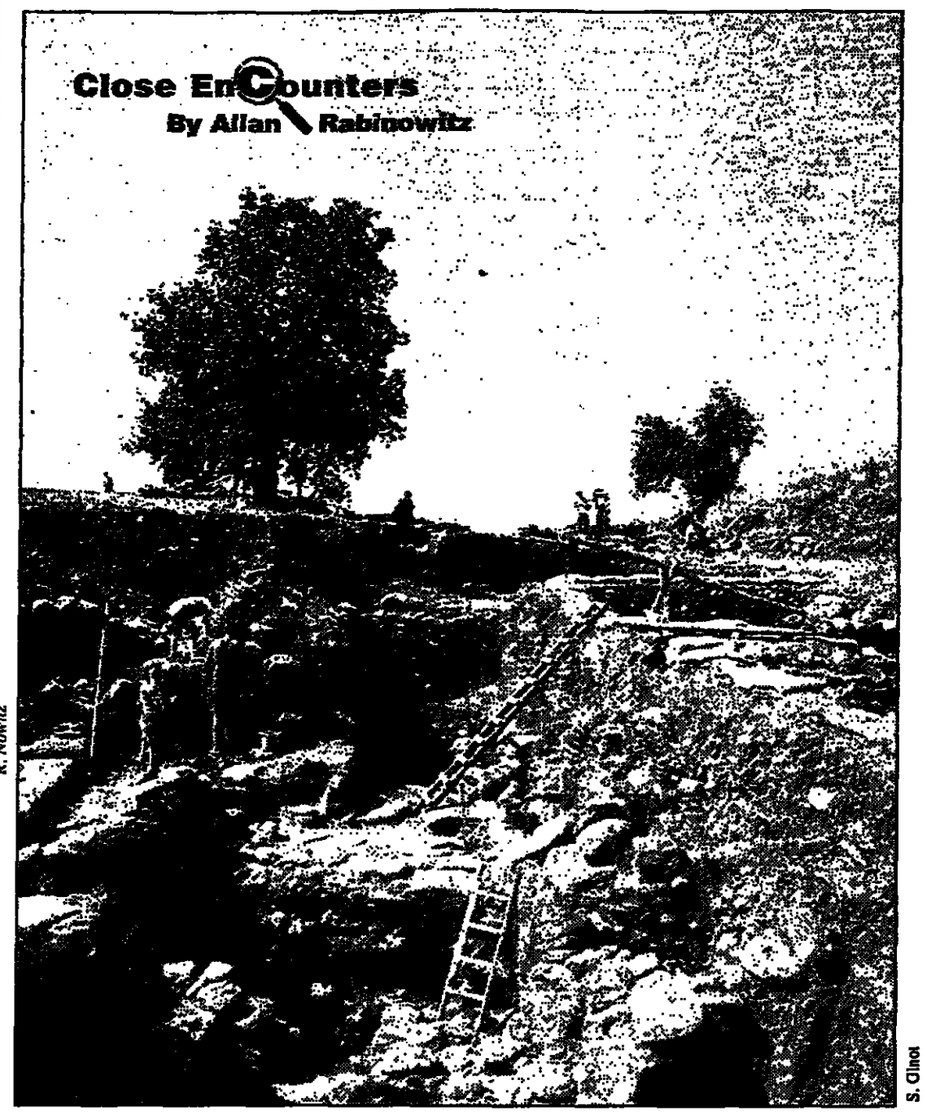
Close EnCounters
By Allan Rabinowitz



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(Left) Tel Dan: Both the Danites and later Jeroboam built their renegade sanctuaries close to the powerful springs of Dan, which flow year-round, as if to challenge, contradict, even mock the dependence on the God of Israel for water. (Above) The whole thick ground cover at Tel Dan could be peeled off to reveal archeological layers dating back 4,000 years, and more than 20 years of excavations have in fact yielded some fantastic finds.

Worshipping the ground they walked on

At the Tel Dan Nature Reserve, located east of Kiryat Shmona next to Kibbutz Dan, visitors are entranced by the verdancy.

Stands of Syrian ash, laurels, poplars, buckthorn and Tabor oak create a canopy of shade. Vines, creepers, ferns and mosses seem to span every possible hue of green. From Dan's chill springs, the largest source of the Jordan River, rushes a torrent of 220 million cubic meters of water a year.

But from under the tangle of vegetation, stone walls jut out like ribs. Indeed, the whole thick ground cover could be peeled off to reveal archeological layers dating back 4,000 years.

More than 20 years of excavation at Tel Dan, under the direction of Avraham Biran, have exposed just a small portion of the 200-dunam site, but have yielded some fantastic finds.

Especially intriguing and evocative is the tight intertwining between the archeological discoveries and the biblical texts on Dan.

The common biblical phrase, "from Dan unto Beersheba," seems to have marked Dan as the northern extent of the Land of Israel, at the base of Mt. Hermon.

In the book of Joshua and later in Judges, two separate accounts describe the tribe of Dan shifting from its inheritance in the central lowlands, to this "place where there is no want of anything that is in the earth (Judges 18:10)."

In Judges, the Danites carried with them carved images and set up a shrine, establishing their own order of priests, while the Ark of the Covenant sat at Shiloh. Thus began a tight linking between the city of Dan and the idolatrous worship that would identify it for the following centuries.

IF WE follow the path which passes the source of the chill, rushing spring, we will come to an open, excavated clearing, with an ancient podium and altar, at the northern edge of the reserve. This spot witnessed both Dan's return to idolatry and the splitting of Israel into two kingdoms.

King Reboboam, the son of Solomon, had arrogantly dismissed the complaints of the northern tribes in the late 10th century BCE. The northern tribes rebelled and crowned Jeroboam, who had previously been promised such a kingship by God.

But suddenly fearful of losing his subjects should they make pilgrimages to Jerusalem, Jeroboam built this complex, and one in Bethel. On the altar we see the set a golden calf, specifically linking it to the exodus from Egypt, and seriously deepening the rift with Judah and Jerusalem.

The skeleton of Jeroboam's sanctuary, a unique example of a sacred enclosure, helps us to picture the ceremonies performed here, in direct opposition to the Temple in Jerusalem.

In addition to the podium, which was either a "high place" or temple base, and the large altar before it, there were side chambers used for rituals and administration. Extensive cultic remains included incense stands, vessels for a water libation ceremony, a scepter topped with lion heads and Egyptian statuettes, as well as a large figure of a man's face and two smaller altars.

The sanctuary site also revealed evidence of destruction, perhaps by the men of Ben-Haddad of Damascus when he formed a pact with King Asa of Judah and "smote Ijon, and Dan.... (I Kings 15:20)."

But elements of the sanctuary were clearly rebuilt, supporting Biran's contention that the shrine at Dan attained central cultic importance.

Even the prophet Amos, some two centuries later than Jeroboam I, specifically castigates "Thy god, oh Dan..."

THE STONE path leaving the sanctuary crosses what was a densely built, well-planned city in the northern kingdom, and leads to *a massively fortified gate com*plex, one of the largest found in Israel.

Just inside the outer gate is a raised block, a kind of mini-throne, which had four carved hollow stones to hold the posts of a canopy.

Who sat on that block? A local ruler? Perhaps a priest, since some upright stones stood nearby, suggesting cultic importance. Or perhaps an Israelite king himself sat here to judge or to receive guests when he visited this northernmost city.

We can imagine, on the wide cobblestone piazza outside the gate, a king's chariots pulled up while he visited. It was here that the earliest known extra-biblical reference to the house of David was found, in an inscription on a victory stele in which the King of *Aram, Hazael, boasted of killing* Jeroham, King of Israel, and Ahaziah, King of Judah.

Though both Kings II and Chronicles II differ from the stele's bragging, all three names are mentioned in the biblical texts.

A dirt path heading east of the piazza leads us to one more amazing find. The wide cobblestoned ramp led into the city of Laish (which preceded Dan) some 3,800 years ago.

And the mud-brick structure which it leads to, a Canaanite gate complex later filled in, includes the oldest arch ever found, built more than 1,500 years before the Romans used them.

But as we build a multidimensional historical-biblical panorama of Dan, we must include nature itself, especially water.

For in Jerusalem, and earlier in *Shiloh, the people worshiped the* God of Israel, who stated in Deuteronomy 11 that this land depended on the waters of heaven, and on God to bring those first and last rains in due season.

But here, both the Danites and later Jeroboam built their renegade sanctuaries close to the powerful springs of Dan, which flow year-round, as if to challenge, contradict, even mock the dependence on the God of Israel for water, and reverting to a local form of nature worship.

It has been speculated, as well, that Psalm 42, in which the writer thirsts for God "as a gazelle pants for the water brooks," was written here at Dan, by someone who gazed at "the land of Jordan and the hills of Hermon"; someone who listened closely as "deep calls to deep at the noise of thy *cataracts*"; *someone who sat* beside the cool water and felt "thy waves and thy billows gone over me"; someone who, even as he yearned to join "the procession to the house of God" in Jerusalem, was stunned, moved and inspired by the beauty of this spot.

The Tel Dan Nature Reserve is open from 8 to 4 in winter and from 8 to 5 in summer. Tel: (06) 695-1579.

Allan Rabinowitz is a licensed tour guide.

Day Tripper By Haim Shapiro

In the market for a market?

For many Jerusalemites making their way along one of the city's busiest thoroughfares past the Old City, the laconic sign "Peddler's Market" means very little. Yet the small market outside the Damascus Gate could well become one of the important tourist attractions of the area.

There always seem to have been peddlers around the Damascus Gate. Since Roman times it has been one of the main ways of access into and out of the city. Excavations under the present gate, built during the Ottoman period, have uncovered the Roman remains, which include a large pillar that apparently lent the gate its Arabic name, Bab el-Amud ("Gate of the Pillar").

However, it was the excavations themselves that created a situation that made it almost impossible to allow vendors to stay. The bridge that goes over the entry to the excavated area was so jammed with women from the countryside selling their produce that one could barely move along. This was in addition to the vendors who crowded inside the gate entrance, with its twists and turns.

Clearly, something had to be done. The solution, thanks to the East Jerusalem Development Corporation, is both adequate and elegant.

The market is now located on a *broad new promenade*, just west of and above the gate. The vendors' stalls are protected by temporary green plastic dividers and awnings, but a Jerusalem municipality spokesperson said that more permanent protection is being planned.

The market boasts a fountain and water channel. Unfortunately, it is the backs of the stalls that face the channel, putting it out of reach of most shoppers. I hope this arrangement is temporary, since the water channel could well become an integral part of the market and could help attract visitors, especially in the summer, when it could help to cool the area.

In my mind's eye, I can see not only stall owners using the water for their vegetables, but also Moslem worshippers washing in the channel before their prayers, and even tired backpackers immersing their feet after a long day of touring.

When I visited the market, I found a nice selection of the same type of fruits and vegetables that one might find in Mahaneh Yehuda, as well as such items as sequined slippers. There was one stall with Turkish coffee and another selling local Middle Eastern pastries.

However, for local shoppers seeking special items, the main attraction was the enormous variety of greens and fresh herbs. There were several herbs that go under the generic name of *za'atar*, which may be anything from oregano to hyssop. There were bunches of the delicate leaves of a local variety of spinach, far tastier than those in the supermarket. And there were branches of leaves of *malokhia*, the mallow used to produce a gummy sauce typical of Egyptian cuisine.

During the present slump in tourism from abroad, there were few visitors around and thus most of the goods were for local buyers. But I have no doubt that as tourism revives, as it will one day, the character of the market will shift somewhat, with more items geared toward the interests of foreigners. With luck, there will be not only local food and snacks but also a tasteful selection of souvenirs, as opposed to the gimcrack items that now abound in the Old City.

With tourism in a slump, the market at Damascus Gate is geared toward local shoppers seeking a wide variety of vegetables and fresh herbs. (Bryan McBurney)

Weekender Leisure

The sky's the limit

On Camera

By David Brauner

"I call that 'bounce'," Robert Kincaid said, pointing upward. "Most people put their cameras away too soon. After the sun goes down, there's often a period of really nice light and color in the sky, just for a few minutes, when the sun is below the horizon but bounces its light off the sky."

– Robert James Waller, from The Bridges of Madison County

Because the sky is always with us, we don't give it the attention or thought that it so rightfully deserves. And in Israel, where the "heavenly canopy" remains a blue blank for so much of the year, it is even easier to ignore.

But the sky wears many masks of cloud, light and color. It can change the mood of any picture, or be a picture in its own right. Photographer and writer John Hedgecoe observes that the sky is at its best "at times of change and transition: in autumn and spring, at dawn or at dusk, before and after storms, often when most people are still in bed or huddled around fires."

After a stormy night not long ago I looked out to see a dark curtain of cloud with a silver lining along the "hem." Stretched across the whole sky, the cloud cover was rising in the east. The antennas and solar panels on the building opposite stood in rigid silhouette, like characters on a stage ready to begin acting. This would not have been a photograph without the sky as a backdrop.

Once, on the Suez Canal, I grabbed an early morning shot of a freighter slowly plying the waterway under an ordinary gray sky of low-level nimbus (rain) clouds. Later in the darkroom, I manipulated the negative using a high-contrast grade of paper, so that the sky became a brooding mass hanging ominously over the disappearing ship.

The black clouds can also be real. In an image he calls "Think-alone House," Belgian photographer Filip Tas sandwiched a lone Baroque-style house between the dark, shaded earth and a single black cloud shaped like a giant UFO.

Smoke from fires or war is another element that can alter the sky, and so too pictures of it. Russian-Jewish photographer Yvgeny Khaldei took his "Raising the Red Flag over the Reichstag, Berlin, May 2, 1945" against a sky wafting with black smoke clouds. It was a picture that achieved the same icon status for the Soviets as Joe Rosenthal's famous flag-raising image at Iwo Jima did for the Americans.

As for the sky being a subject of photography in its own right, the excitement of a walk we took along the Dingli Cliffs of Malta comes to mind. A huge, black mass of cloud came between the path of the sun and the sea. The sun's rays shot out in all directions, and the light inscribed gleaming symbols on the surface of the sea.

For those working in color, the interlaced blues and oranges of a dusky evening will add drama to even the most humdrum scene. And during the long summers, especially when using slide film, it is advisable to equip your lens with a polarizing filter. By blocking out light waves like a Venetian blind, the polarizer darkens blue skies and enhances colors.

There other phenomena in the sky less often seen, but no less worthy of photographic attention. For instance, flocks of starlings or swarms of locusts can darken a sky. Some of us have witnessed the aurora borealis or "northern lights," a great challenge to photographers.

Dramatic skies speak for themselves, but the photographer should not discount the pale hazy sky as a neutral background. In a relatively unknown Ansel Adams picture entitled "Sawmill Stacks, California," the photographer frames three tall pipes reaching for the heavens. The stacks are supported by an intricate pattern of guy wires, which would be lost against a darker sky.

I have achieved similar effects in photographs of the masts, yardarms and rigging of windjammers against a dull sky.

Photographing scenes with plenty of sky in them can be tricky. There may be as many as four stops difference between a bright sky and the landscape. If you meter for the sky, the foreground will be devoid of detail, and metering for the land will white-out the sky. An average setting may compromise both land and sky. One solution is a gradient filter to eliminate over-exposed, burnt-out skies.

In the heat of photography, don't forget the horizon line. Generally, though not always, a sloping horizon will kill even the most dazzling frame. So it is safest to align the horizon with the bottom or top of the viewfinder.

Your photography questions and comments are welcome. Contact David Brauner, e-mail: morrir @mail.biu.ac.il (writing "for David" in the subject line) or fax 02-563-7792 or c/o Photo Archives, The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem 91000.

(Top) The sun's rays shooting out behind a huge, black mass of cloud, and the light inscribing gleaming symbols on the surface of the sea, Dingli Cliffs, Malta. (Bottom) A dark curtain of cloud stretched across the sky silhouetting antennas and solar panels like characters on a stage.
(Photos: David Brauner)

Bridge

When conservatism pays off

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

East dealer
Both sides vulnerable

North
♠A 8 6 4
♥8 6
♦A 4
♣A J 10 6 5

West (Shaufel)
♠9 7 5 2
♥10 7
♦9 7 3
♣K 9 7 3

East (Frydreich)
♠Q J
♥K Q J 9 5 4 2
♦2
♣8 4 2

South
♠K 10 3
♥A 3
♦K Q J 10 8 6 5
♣Q

West	North	East	South
-	-	3♥	4♦
pass	4 NT	pass	5♠
pass	7♦	(all pass)	

Opening lead: ♥4

The Israel Bridge Festival concluded last weekend with victories for both local and foreign players. The Invitational Teams was won by veteran internationalists Julian Frydreich and Elyakim Shaufel, of Tel Aviv, and Leonid Podgur and Avi Kalish, of Haifa. The three-session Open Pairs was won by Junior players Yossi Roll and Ronnie Schneider, of Tel Aviv. The Swiss Team event was won by two Austrian pairs, Terraneo-Fucik and Cimon-Kriftner.

The Swiss Teams was a close affair, with the top three teams within three victory points of each other. In second place was a team made up of three pairs, Vax-Vax (a father-son pair) of Rehovot, Grinberg-Tor, of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and Altshuler-Aviram, of Tel Aviv. Third place in the Swiss Teams was the same team that won the Invitational. Today's deal was the biggest swing from the final of the Invitational, which pitted the Frydreich team against the Vax team.

The winners' margin of victory was 32 imps, slightly more than the swing on this deal. They benefited when a grand slam was reached against them in one room, while only game was reached in the other room. The bidding shown in the diagram is from the table where the grand slam was reached. Notice that North was quite optimistic. The bidding started with a preempt of three hearts by East (Frydreich) and an over-call of four diamonds by South. North now bid "Roman Keycard Blackwood" and partner's five-spade reply showed two keycards with the queen of trump (there are five "keycards," the four aces and the king of the presumed trump suit). At this point, North decided to go for the gold and, in a way, he was right, but his partner failed to find the winning line of play to vindicate his bidding.

West (Shaufel) led the 10 of hearts and declarer took the first trick with the ace, as East (Frydreich) followed with the deuce. The deuce was of no importance, except that it planted a poisonous thought in the mind of declarer: Was the deuce a Lavinthal-type signal indicating the king of clubs? At trick two, declarer led the queen of clubs, trying to induce West to cover with the king if he had it, but Shaufel did not even consider this. If he had covered, or even hesitated (which would give away the location of the king), the grand slam would have succeeded. When Shaufel played low smoothly, declarer decided that he would not risk the club finesse. He went up with the ace and played a low club, ruffing in his hand.

Next the king of diamonds was cashed and a diamond led to the ace; then another club was led, ruffed in the South hand. Declarer had pinned his hopes on the king falling on this trick, but it didn't. Declarer drew the outstanding trump and ran his remaining trumps, coming down to three spades and a heart in his hand. West was starting to feel some pressure when he had to keep the king of clubs and, therefore, discard one of his small spades.

At this point, with four cards remaining, dummy came down to four spades, and if the 10 had been in dummy, declarer would have made his contract.

But because the 10 was in the South hand, declarer had to win the third spade trick in his hand, and he was left with a losing heart.

When the deal was played at the other table, Podgur-Kalish (for the winners) stopped in five diamonds on the North-South cards. Many would say that this was a very conservative stop, but it was a great lesson for all of us: Better to stop in game than bid a risky grand slam. Or, as the expression goes, a game in hand is worth two in the bush.

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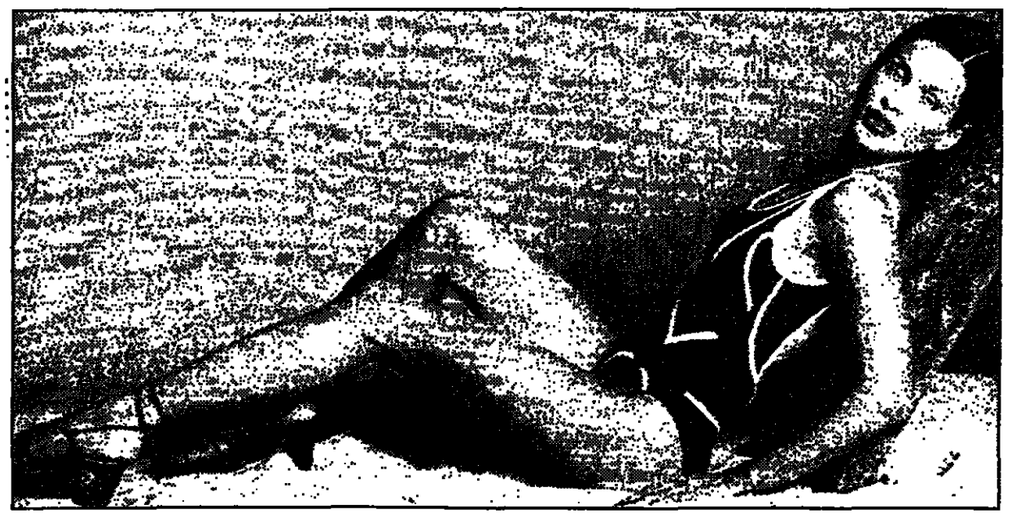
Bathed in beauty



Women who previously hesitated to don Oberson's provocative styles will welcome the current collection. (Left) Many suits are more conservative and lack his signature plunging necklines and outrageous cuts above the hipbone. (Above) Oberson helps nature along with this style, which is cut straight across the thigh.

Flair

By Greer Fay Cashman

Last year, shortly after being bailed out of receivership by Klil Yofi, Gideon Oberson presented what may have been his last extravaganza at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv. His new summer '98 collection, which he showed last week at the development center of the comparatively new Gideon Oberson factory plant in Rosh Ha'ayin, was rather modest in relation to past glory.

Yet there was something quite creative about showing the collection in the very room in which seamstresses fashion the prototypes of his designs. Incidentally, the suits are later produced in bulk by a much larger group of seamstresses in Nazareth. The new downscaling policy was also evident in the catalog, which was half the size of its predecessors.

Despite his prestige at home and abroad, Oberson fell deeply into debt. Klil Yofi, probably the most successful swimwear company in Israel, bought the Oberson label. Its policy for success is working on low profit margins and high sales turnovers of simply styled swimwear.

Gottex, which put Israeli beachwear on the international fashion map, had the same problem after the death of Armin Gottlieb who, with his wife Leah, founded the company half a century ago. Gottex was rescued by Africa Israel, which last year purchased an 80 percent stake in the stock.

But both Gottex and Oberson have loyal followings, says Zalman Peld, the Gideon Oberson swimwear manager, when he's not wearing his Klil Yofi cap. Although companies such as Pilpel may have achieved deeper market penetration because of their affordability and simplicity, there is still a strong demand for designer swimwear. He was particularly proud of the fact that this season Oberson's collection was chosen as the best designer line in the US. He is equally proud that no overseas swimwear designer has been able to find a niche in the Israeli market, thereby usurping the place of the locals.

Although Oberson's signature is evident in his new production lines, the overall impression is that he's not catering to a strictly elite market looking for the most original and elegant swimwear. Yuppies will delight in the ensemble sets which are sophisticated, smart and sexy without being too revealing.

Those women who previously hesitated to don Oberson's provocative, high cut and backless maillots with their plunging necklines, will now have more conservative styles from which to choose.

The current collection is undeniably more commercial than in seasons past, though there are groups within the collection in which the emphasis on glamour and mystique is as strong as ever.

Oberson uses sheer fabrics and diaphanous insets to great effect, but in general, he seems more intent on cover-up than exposure, with high-necked one- and two-piece costumes and skirted maillots and bikinis. Many of his swimsuits are cut straight across the thigh, but not entirely at the expense of the outrageous cuts above the hipbone which were once Oberson's hallmark.

If in the past his swimwear was body conscious in that it bared nearly all, forming some kind of colorful frame for natural attributes, today he tries to help nature along with concealed push-up bras and interesting waist accents.

Chess

Should have read my column!

By NIGEL SHORT

It is peculiar that a record run of 14 consecutive, frequently turgid draws preceded my explosive burst in the World Championship in Groningen, Holland. Suddenly eight victories within nine games brought me to the semi-finals for an epic encounter with Michael Adams. I was eventually eliminated in the sudden death, blitz play-off, which was disappointing but certainly no disgrace.

I will report on Michael's tremendously gritty performance next week but, for now, here is my best game against the former Soviet champion, Alexander Beliavsky. Having lost a very wild and imaginative game the previous day, I needed to win to stay in the match.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 no King's Gambit today! **2....Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. 0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3d68.c30-0 9. h3 Re8 10. d4 Bb7 11. Nbd2 Bf8.** Beliavsky adopts the solid Zaitsev variation of the Spanish. It is less popular than it used to be as Black started getting hammered in the long tactical lines beginning 12. a4 h6 13. Bc2 exd4 14. exd4 Nb4 15. Bb1. However, Beliavsky was on safe ground because I could not remember anything about this stuff. **12. d5** opting for a simple continuation that brought me success in a key game against Jan Timman in 1993. **12. ...Nb8 13. Nf1 Nbd7 14. N3h2!** Fighting for the d5 square. **14. ...c6 15. dxc6 Bxc6 16. Bg5 Qc7** 16. ...h6 17. Bxf6 Nxf6 does not solve the difficulties because of 18. Ng4! Nxe4? 19. Qf3 d5 20. Rxe4 dxe4 21. Qxf7+. **17. Qf3 Qb7 18. Ng3 d5.** It was around this point that the position began to look familiar to me. Wracking my brains I realized that it bore a striking resemblance to a game that I had published in *The Sunday Telegraph* a few months ago in which White won crushingly with a kingside attack. In that column I wrote that 18. ...d5 was a desirable advance, but that White stood well because: "The b3 bishop probes the f7 square." Keep this comment in mind! **19. Ng4 dxe4 20 Qf5 Nd5 21. Nxe4 Re6 22. Rad1 h5?!** The first new move of the game but no improvement on 22. ...Rae8 of Ivanovic Gligoric, Yugoslavia 1997. That game continued 23. Rd3 h5 24. Bxd5! Bxd5 25. NFf6+! and White won after some complications. **23. Ne3! Nf4**

Black: (Beliavsky)

White: (Short) to play

Beliavsky's idea meets with a sharp refutation. **24. Bxf4 Bxe4 25. Rxd7! Bxf5** 25. ...Qxd7 26. Qxe4 exf4 27. Bxe6 Qxe6 28. Qxa8 is hopeless. **26. Rxb7 exf4.** Now after 27. Bxe6 Bxe6 28. Nc2 Bxa2 White faces a tough technical task but I had foreseen the bonecruncher some moves earlier. **27. Rxf7!!** After 27. ...fxe3 28. Rxf5 or 27. ...Kxf7 28. Nxf5 Rae8 (28. ...Kf6 is better but is also completely useless) 29. Nd4 further resistance is futile. So Black resigned.

Since this defeat cost Beliavsky tens of thousands of pounds, one can only conclude that a small investment in a subscription to this newspaper would have been well worth the outlay!

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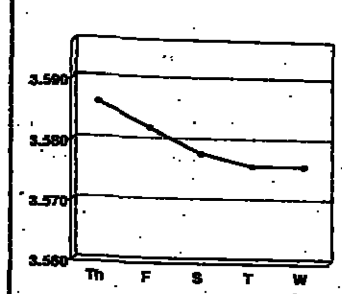

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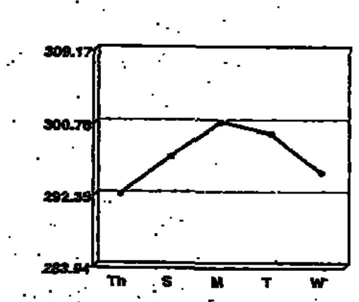

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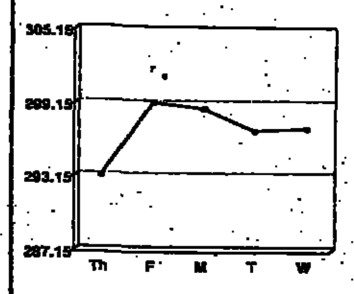

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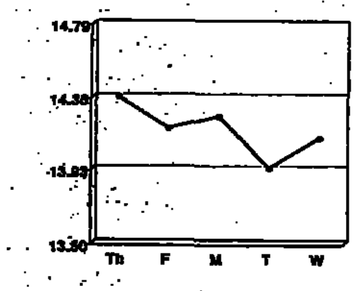

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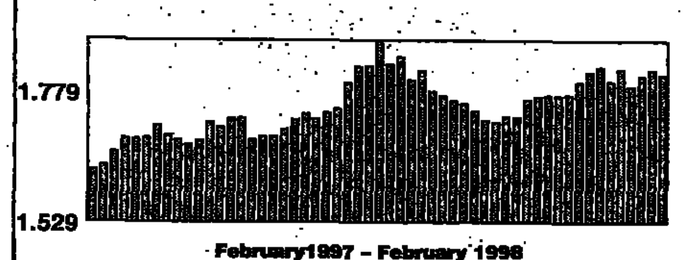

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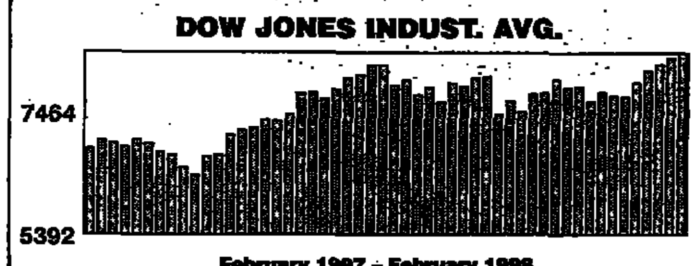

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Ericsson wins $140m. Partner order

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Partner Communications Company, which won the tender to become the country's third supplier of cellular phone services, said yesterday it has guaranteed Ericsson a contract to supply network equipment for $140 million.

Under the agreement, the Swedish telecom giant will equip the group with working stations and switching and transmission equipment. The contract also includes the supply of planning, installation and maintenance services. Ericsson said it will adapt its global system for mobile communications (GSM) technology infrastructure to the specific technical needs of the Partner Group.

Ericsson had been employed in the past by the three groups competing for the Communications Ministry tender, but it decided last January to work only with the Partner Group.

Ericsson-Israel president Bo Anderson said that wining the contract is a milestone marking the widening of the company's activity in Israel. He added that the opening of the communication infrastructure market to competition will lead to the creation of hundreds of jobs.

The Swedish company will run the project together with its local partner Malam, which is part of Israel Aircraft Industries.

Israel Livnat, who manages the Malam factory, said that the activity is part of IAI's strategy to get involved in civilian projects. The company will provide the maintenance services and will activate the sites and switching and transmission systems.

The infrastructure supplied to the Partner Group will be based on the GSM digital technology, which is used mainly in Western Europe, as opposed to the standard American analog system, AMPS, used by Cellcom and Pelephone. Ericsson's systems are considered to be the world's most advanced in the GSM field and the company already has built Israel's first switching system for GSM.

The Stockholm-based firm is one of the world's top telecommunications equipment makers. The company has about 40 percent of the world's mobile phone subscribers connected to its systems.

The Partner group is composed of Hutchison Telecommunications (57.5%), Matav Cable Systems Media (25.01%), and Elbit (17.49%). Last month the group won the right to operate for 10 years with an optional extension for six years - the same terms received by the existing two companies, Pelephone and Cellcom.

'97 average wage up 2.4%

Public sector pay declined 1% in real terms

By DAVID HARRIS

The average gross monthly wage stood at NIS 5,805 at the end of last year, 2.4 percent higher than in December 1996, the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday.

This figure includes foreign workers who pay national insurance in Israel, but does not take into account employees from Judea, Samaria and Gaza. When statistics for these areas are also included, the average monthly wage stood at NIS 5,750.

These figures represent the pay of some 2.204 million hired personnel excluding the territories, and 2.241m. when the areas are taken into consideration.

During 1997, public-sector administrators' pay shrank 1% in real terms; in health and welfare by 0.6%; and social and community services by 1.5%. Teachers' salaries showed no change in real terms compared to 1996.

On the other hand, there were real terms' pay increases in industry (5.7%); construction, business services, banking insurance and financial services (5%); transport (4%); electricity and water (2.5%); hotels and catering (2%); and commerce and vehicle mechanics (1.4%).

The top wages were still being payed in the electricity and water industries, where the December 1997 average was NIS 11,393, followed by banking insurance and financial services (NIS 9,264), transport and communications (NIS 7,541), and public administration (NIS 7,456).

The poorest paid workers were to be found in hotels and catering (NIS 3,195), agriculture (NIS 3,392), and in social and community services (NIS 4,308).

The overall number of employees (not including the territories) was 1.7% greater at the end of 1997 than it had been 12 months earlier. In the business services sector that figure was up 5.9%, in commerce and vehicle mechanics up 5%, and in health and welfare up 4.4%. In construction, however, the workforce shrank 5% and by 2% in industry.

The decline in the number of construction workers and the increase in wages in industry are further signs of the ongoing slowdown in the economy, construction being a key indicator of economic growth.

The increase in the average wage in industry, meanwhile, is symptomatic of a vicious cycle, according to former Treasury director-general Shmuel Slavin. He maintains that by increasing the minimum wage from 45% to 47.5% of the average (last April), more unemployment was caused, particularly among the lower-paid workers. As a result, the average wage in the traditional industries increased and consequently employers are being left with no choice other than to lay off additional workers, which once again will lead to an increase in the average wage.

On Tuesday, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman once again called for a freeze in the minimum wage to try to avoid the continuation of this cycle and as a further step in the government's bid to restore growth to its potential 4-5%.

Food producers blast gov't's lax standards

By NINA GILBERT

The Industry and Trade Ministry's populist policy on product standards is contrary to practice in all Western countries and will set Israel backward, Tivall president Gezy Kaplan said yesterday.

"Every country has its own standards which are aimed at protecting the consumer," he said. Kaplan said Tivall packages its vegetarian soy products for the European market according to its exact specifications.

The same way Israel must export to countries according to their standards, imported products should meet our standards, he said. Some 55% of the Kibbutz Lohamei Hagetaot company's sales are exports, mostly to Europe.

Under a recent amendment to the Consumer Protection Law, the ministry is to lift standards on some 160 food products. While contents are to be listed on products, producers say this is very hard to implement due to lack of supervisory manpower.

"This will lead to unfair competition, since consumers may end up buying lower quality products without knowing it," Kaplan added.

The Manufacturers Association called on the government to establish a food and drug regulatory body similar to the FDA in the United States, to ensure quality and standards.

Association food division head Kurt Gabor said the group is in favor of lifting any standard that can be proved to be a non-tariff barrier. He and Kaplan were speaking to reporters who toured food industries yesterday.

Michael Schneiderman, CEO of Hod Lavan, said the meat producer recently completed a $5 million expansion to its factory, at Moshav Beit Herut. In 1993, the company won the contract to supply meat to local McDonald's restaurants.

Argentina's economy minister:

Israel-Mercosur free trade agreement may be near

By NINA GILBERT

All of the Mercosur countries are in favor of a free-trade agreement with Israel, which could be concluded by the end of the year, according to visiting Argentinian Economy, Public Works and Services Minister Roque Fernandez.

"The process is already underway and Israel is preparing to give a formal presentation to the Mercosur group," he said.

Argentina presently holds the rotating presidency of the trading bloc, which also includes Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay. The group has an association agreement with Chile and Bolivia and is negotiating to include other South American countries in the bloc.

Fernandez said he believes there is great room for expansion of trade between Israel and Latin American, the main impediment thus far being the physical distance and the high transportation costs involved, as Latin America mostly trades with its neighbors.

Many Israeli high-tech products are sold in Argentina and there is great potential in this area, he noted. Argentina's main exports are in commodities and capital goods, he said.

Fernandez is visiting here this week with a delegation of top Argentinian businessmen, including those from the industrial, agricultural and energy sectors. They came to explore possible joint ventures and opportunities for technical cooperation and to become more familiar with Israel.

Argentinian Ambassador Vicente Espeche Gil said the visit is part of a series of exchanges aimed at boosting bilateral ties.

Fernandez met yesterday with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and will meet today with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel.

Neeman presented Fernandez with a draft agreement against double taxation and for customs cooperation.

Also yesterday, the Finance Ministry announced that it had approved $30 million in insurance for export deals to Argentina in communications equipment.

Israel's exports to Latin America in 1997 totaled $800m., or only 4% of its exports. Bilateral trade with Argentina was $187m., with Israel's exports totaling $126m. Some 80% of Israel's imports from Argentina are food products, mostly beef.

The Mercosur market represents approximately 44% of the Latin American population, or 200 million people. It is the world's fourth largest trading bloc, after NAFTA, the European Union and the Asian bloc.

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TENDERS

The I.E.C. wishes to purchase the following goods / services:

TENDER NO. 621934
SUBJECT: Three Phase Active And Reactive "time Of Use" Static Meter, Including Training, Maintenance For A Period Of 14 Years, An Option To Record The Consumption Data, And An Option To Add Auxiliary Input.
QUANTITY: 4,000 +/- 40% For Flexible Supply Over A Two-year Period.
PERIOD OF CONTRACT: Two Years With An Option To Extend For One More Year.
FEE: Nis 2,188 (includes Vat)
PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS: Iso - 9001 Certificates

TENDER NO. 648961
SUBJECT: Aluminum Alloy Stranded Conductors
FEE: NIS 2,188 (includes VAT)
PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS: * ISO - 9002 Certificates
* At least 3 years' experience in manufacturing stranded bare conductors. Bidders must submit a reference list.

Last date for submitting bids: April 5, 1998, at 11 a.m.

TENDER 651114
SUBJECT: Assembling Polyester Cabinets
FEE: NIS 1,020 (includes VAT)
PERIOD OF CONTRACT: Two years with an option to extend for one more year.
Last date for submitting bids: March 29, 1998, at 11 a.m.

Preliminary Participation Conditions (in addition to the preliminary requirements stated above:
1. Bidders must submit a guarantee in the form of a personal check for 5% of the value of the bid, excluding tenders which are requests for technical details only (Stage A).
2. Participation in tenders is also subject to complying with the preliminary conditions detailed in the Tender Regulations 1993, Para. 6(a) 1, 2, 3 (i.e. registration as required by law, compliance with mandatory specifications, and the holding of permits required by law for transactions with public bodies).
3. The Israel Electric Corporation reserves the right to allow a bidder who has not provided all the required documents, permits, licenses, etc., to submit them within a specified time that will be set by the Corporation.

The tender documents may be obtained at the Market Research and Tenders Department, 11 Sderot Pal-Yam, Haifa, Sunday to Thursday between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, on submission of a receipt, demonstrating payment (non-returnable) for the documents into the Corporation's account at the Postal Bank. Payment slips for making such payments are obtainable at the above address by calling 04-868-7455/4. Before purchasing the tender documents, they may be perused at the above offices or at the Sales Department, 90 Rehov Yigal Allon, Tel Aviv, Ashdar Building, entrance C, top floor, Tel. 03-565-4679, 03-565-4641, Sunday to Thursday, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.
Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope and placed in Tender Box No. 1 in the Pal-Yam Building in Haifa (address as above) by the last date for submitting bids, as stated above.
NOTE: The envelopes cannot be submitted at the company offices in Tel Aviv. Bids submitted in Tel Aviv will be disqualified. No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.
NOTE: In appropriate cases, the Electric Corporation will give preference to suppliers, in accordance with the Tenders Regulations (Preference for Locally Produced Goods, and Obligation to Extend Commercial Cooperation).
The Electric Corporation reserves the right to negotiate, where this is legally permissible.

State of Israel
Ministry of National Infrastructures
Fuel Authority

Tender FA-1/1998
Purchase, Storage and Finance of Crude Oil Strategic Inventories for the State of Israel

The Government of Israel, through the Fuel Authority of the Ministry of National Infrastructures, invites offers for the purchase, storage and finance of crude oil strategic inventories.

1. The quantity of crude oil in this tender is approximately 100,000 M/T.
2. The contract between the government and the winning bidder will be for five years and can be extended by mutual consent for a maximum period of another five years.
3. Bidders must fulfill a number of prerequisites, including proof of storage capacity and economic capability - as detailed in the official tender documents.
4. Bidders can join together for the purpose of fulfilling the tender requirements, in which case they will specify the terms of their relationship and append their agreement to their bid. The responsibility of such bidders shall be joint and several.
5. The Ministry of National Infrastructures reserves the right to negotiate with bidders whose bids are deemed suitable.
6. The tender documents (in Hebrew only) are available at the Fuel Authority, the Ministry of National Infrastructures, 216 Jaffa St. (City Gates Building), Jerusalem (7th floor, room 747), upon submission of confirmation of payment of NIS 10,000 (non-refundable) into Postal Bank account no. 006223-0 of the Ministry of National Infrastructures. No VAT is due on the sum and the bidder will therefore receive a receipt confirming submission of payment.
7. For further details, please call +972-2-5006752 or +972-2-5006753.
8. Bidders may send written comments on the tender to the Fuel Authority until April 5, 1998.
9. A meeting for potential bidders will be held on April 19, 1998 at the Ministry of National Infrastructures. Attendance is not compulsory. Those interested in participating should contact the Fuel Authority at the phone numbers given above.
10. Bids should be placed, together with all the necessary documents as detailed in the tender documents, no later than June 18, 1998 at 4 p.m., in the tenders box marked Tender FA-1/1998, located in the Ministry of National Infrastructures, 216 Jaffa St. (City Gates Bldg.), Jerusalem, 8th floor.
11. The Ministry of National Infrastructures is not obligated to accept the lowest or any bid whatsoever.
The Ministry of National Infrastructures reserves the right to cancel the tender at any time or to issue other tenders, as decided by the Ministry at its discretion.

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Israel Airports Authority

Request for Information for a
COMPUTERIZED FAULT FORECASTING SYSTEM

The Israel Airports Authority (I.A.A.) wishes to receive information regarding the setting up and operation of a computerized system for predicting and diagnosing faults.
As part of the examination of this matter, and without any obligation on its part, the I.A.A. invites professional entities in this field to submit to it the under-mentioned information, including documents, supporting data, specifications, prospectuses, video films, etc., and including details of a contact person.
The information and materials should reach the I.A.A. no later than March 27, 1998, at the following address:
Israel Airports Authority
Maintenance Division, Contracts Department
P.O. Box 7
Ben-Gurion International Airport
70100 Israel
Queries should be addressed to Mr. Micha Teller, Tel. 03-971-0516, Fax. 03-971-2694.
The main information required is as follows:
1. Information proving that the proposer has been able to plan, set up, and maintain at least 2 systems of the above type, which have been operating at least one year.
2. A profile of the proposer, including financial aspects.
3. Names of contact persons at sites where systems are in operation, or information including phone and fax numbers.
4. A declaration of readiness and ability to set up one system by the end of 1998.
5. Confirmation of the ability to commission systems of similar types in an organization, and support them for at least 5 years.
The I.A.A. may, at its sole discretion, allow proposers, at their own expense, to present their proposal to it.
In order to dispel possible doubt, it is declared and emphasized explicitly that this notice is published by the I.A.A., with the intention of collecting information only.
The publication of this notice does not obligate the I.A.A. in any way, particularly regarding the inclusion of any entity in a list of potential suppliers, and the certifying of suppliers as being suitable.
The I.A.A. is free to act in these matters, according to its sole discretion.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL
THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT COMPANIES AUTHORITY
hereby announces that it is considering to sell all of the holdings of the State of Israel in:
THE WEED CONTROL COMPANY LTD. (HEREINAFTER: "THE COMPANY")
a company limited by guarantee without share capital (public company)

Parties interested in purchasing the State of Israel's holdings in the Company (approximately 84%) (hereinafter: the "State Holdings") may apply to the Government of Israel through the Government Companies Authority (hereinafter: the "GCA") as specified in this announcement.

Necessary application forms and documents - written in Hebrew - including the Procedure for Sale of the State Holdings (hereinafter: the Sale Procedure") may be purchased, Sunday to Friday between 9.00 and 17.00, as of February 22, 1998, from Mr. Ofer Termechi or Ms. Yael Tsamir, Government Companies Authority, 1 Kaplan St., 7th floor, Room 722, Jerusalem (hereinafter: the "GCA Offices"); Tel. 02-5317449/292; Fax. 02-5611680, for the sum of NIS 500 (which shall not be refunded), **payable by Bank cheque to the Ministry of Finance - the Accountant General.**

The date for submitting applications, according to the conditions set forth in the Sale Procedure, is March 19, 1998 until 17.00 at the GCA Offices. The GCA may at any time, by way of a published announcement, extend or advance the date for submission of applications, as well as change other dates and conditions in the Sale Procedure, at its sole and absolute discretion.

The Sale Procedure contains information regarding the holdings of the other members of the Company.

A Government Corporation will not be permitted to participate in the sale process on its own or as a part of an applicant group (as such terms are defined in the Sale Procedure), except as set forth in the Sale Procedure.

The Government Representatives shall be entitled, at their sole and absolute discretion, to select from among the applicants and from other parties whom they may address, candidates who shall be invited to continue to participate in the sale process, after considering which candidates best fulfil the criterion specified in the Sale Procedure, including among others, the knowledge, capability and experience required to manage and control a business in the field and with the scope of activities of the Company, the existence of financial capability for the purchase and possession of the State Holdings and operation of the Company, absence of potential conflicts of interest and fulfilment of additional conditions which are specified in the Sale Procedure.

The sale of the State Shares is exempt from the obligation to hold a tender, under the "Obligation of Tender Regulations - 1993".

In order to remove any doubt, it is hereby clarified that this announcement does not constitute an invitation to the general public to purchase securities of the Company, nor does it constitute an offer or undertaking on the part of the Government to sell the State Holdings. The purchaser of the State Holdings shall be determined in accordance with the Sale Procedure, including negotiations which the Government Representatives may, at their sole and absolute discretion, conduct, if it will be decided to proceed with the said sale of the State Holdings.

The purchase of the State Holdings is subject to the prior approval of the Antitrust Authority.

TEL AVIV 100 — LEADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	350	-2
Africa Israel 0.1	23900	0
Africa Israel 1	203500	0.2
Agan	10890	1.2
Agis	3450	-0.8
Al Paper Mills	13220	-3
Al-Rov	2790	-3.9
Azorim	3070	-0.3
Azorim Prop.	700	-0.3
Bank Leumi 0.1	614	-2.1
Baran	2700	-1.9
Bayside 1	44100	0
Bayside 5	220000	-0.3
Bezeq	871	-2.2
Blue Square	3430	-0.9
Bromine	3200	-0.9
Clal Electronics	55000	-4.4
Clal Industries	1881	-1.6
Clal Insurance	3410	-3.8
Clal Israel 1	104.4	-1.5
Clal Trade	1476	0
Dan Hotels	886	1.5
Dankner	1831	-0.4
Darban	743	3.4
Dead Sea Works 0.1	941	-3.5
Delek 0.1	13580	3.5
Delek Car	607	-2.6
Development Mort	26000	-7.7
Discount Bank	354	-0.6
Discount Inv	8830	-2.3
Elbit 0.003	1366	-2
Elbit Imaging	2430	-4.5
Elbit system	4700	-1.5
Elco	2110	-3.3
Elco Industries	4850	0
Electra	15870	1
Electra App	1650	3
Elite Ind. 1	2080	-1.4
Elite Ind. 5	10680	-0.1
Elron 0.003	5700	-2.5
FIBI 5	67000	-1.8
First Int'l 1	50700	-1
First Int'l 5	249100	-0.8
First Int'l Mort	53000	-1.1
Formula	11420	-1.3
General Bank	11200	-1.2
Grand Hacarmel	621	-0.6
Hadarim Prop.	6220	-1.3
Ham-Let	2190	-3.2
Hapoalim 0.1	850	0
Harel Mishmar 1	3220	3.7
Harel Mishmar 5	15500	0
I.D.B. Dev.	7870	-1
I.D.B Holdings	7540	-0.9
ILDC	1854	-2.6
Ind Bldgs	629	-1.7
Israel Chemicals	437	-4.1
Israel Corp. 1	26100	-0.8
Isrotel	675	3.7
Jafora	850	0
JCT	30.3	1.9
JEC	1880	-2.7
Kitan	425	1.6
Knafaim	3820	-2.1
Koor	38300	-0.8
Leader	1365	-4.3
Leumi Insurance	204	-2
Leumi Mortgage	94000	-2.1
Liraz	4100	-2.9
Makhteshim	2850	-1.8
Maman	563	2.8
Matab	3390	-0.3
Mehadrin	11000	-2.6
Mei Eden	1480	0
Melissaron	1120	-2.2
Menorah Ins. 1	1390	0
Milomor	1670	0.8
Mishkan	60800	-2.6
Mizrahi Inv.	10500	-3.7
NATSVA REGULAR	1480	-0.1
Nice Systems	16240	-1
Ocif	7980	-0.3
Orbit	1850	1.6
Ormat Industries	452	-1.8
Osem Industries	1495	-1.7
Petrochemicals	1950	0.8
Phoenix Ins. 1	5140	0
Poalim Inv.	12370	-3.6
Prop & Bldg	29300	-1
Salt Industries	1640	-0.5
Solel Bone	4830	-0.2
Supersol	1117	-2.5
Tadiran	14170	-2.1
Tambour	770	-1.3
Tefahot	205500	-0.2
Tempo	1467	-1.6
Teva	15190	0
Urdan	301	-1.7
Wire and Cables	1340	-0.7
Ytong Industries	930	0

KARAM — SMALL CAPITALIZATION — TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Abjac	2.7	0
Abudi	48.4	10
Ace-Spade	137	-1.4
Ackerstein Bond B	161	0
Ackerstein Ind	410	-3.7
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1316	0
Ackerstein Zvi 5	6102	0
adakom	36.5	0
Adanim	413245	1
Adler	139	0
Adsha	137	-1.1
Adumim	205	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	89.7	-0.1
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	34.5	5.8
Africa Hotels Warrant 3	17.1	-2.8
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	130	-1.2
Afsek Ind	2109	-0.5
Agis Warrant 3	50	0
Agis Warrant 4	573	0
Agish Int'l	386	0
Agri Investments	292	0
Al-Ben	133	0
Al-Ben Bond A	115	0
Alhe c2	98.5	-0.5
Alhe w6	134	-1.5
Alhe wc5	0	0
Alliance	745	0
Alon	308	-2.8
Alony-Hetz	460	-3.3
Alony-Hetz Bond A	216	0.5
Alrod	188.5	0
Alrod Warrant 1	7.9	9.7
Alrov Bond D	75.5	0
Alrov Warrant 5	333	5.4
Alumir	163.5	-0.6
Alumit	7043	-1.2
Amigar	209	2
Amitec	362	0
Ammeil Warrant 1	20	0
Amnat	542	1.5
Ampa Investments	117426	0
Analyst EMS	1201	0
Angel Trade	36.4	1.1
Angel Trade Bond A	147.5	0.3
Angel Trade Bond B	116	0
Angel Trade Bond C	64.5	0.8
Angel Trade Warrant 2	1.6	0
Apcon	899	-4.8
Apcon warrant 1	266	-1.1
Applicom	2529	-5
Aracell Warrant 2	315	-3.1
Arad	2151	-4
Arad Towels	914	0.2
Arazim	93	0.5
Arazim Bond 1	235	0.4
Argaman	222	-5.1
Arledan	1185	0
Arpal	560	0
Aryt	92.5	-3.1
Ashkelon Plywood	687	0.3
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	232	-0.4
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	132	3.1
Ashlad	497	4.9
Ashlad Bond A	151	0.3
Ashot	375	1.6
Ashot Bond A	168.5	0.3
Ashpara	85.5	-2.8
Ashtrom Bond 1	168.5	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	151.5	-0.3
Ashtrom Ind.	532	0
Ashtrom Prop.	236	0
Astrom P Bond 1	82.5	1.6
Astrom p warrant a	49.8	14.7
Astrum Bond C	97.5	0
Astrum Warrant 2	35.1	0
Atilon	89	0
Atmor	1773	1.3
ATX	144.5	-1.4
ATX Bond A	149	0.7
Atzmon	294	-2.3
Aura	3696	3.5
Avarot	459	-1.1
Avarot Bond A	155.5	0.6
Averbuch Formica	646	0
Aviv	484	0
Aviv Bond 1	148	-0.3
Aviv Bond 2	90	0
Avner	1.9	0
Avrot Bond 2	90.5	0
Avrot Warrant 2	63	3.3
Ayalon	526	-2
Azimuth	413	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	169.5	-0.3
Azorim Warrant A	630	-3.2
Azorim Warrant B	710	1.3
Badash Bond 1	49.3	0
Badil	280	0
Balentine 1	324	0.6
Balentine Bond A	126.5	0.4
Balentine Warrant 2	9	0
Balron	3723	0.5
Bama'asal	88	4.8
Bama'asal Bond A	139	0
Bar	327	0
Bar Bond A	113	0
Barad	298	0
Baranowitz	655	2
Baranowitz Bond 1	0	0
Barkan	748	-1.7
Barsol	131	13.9
Bartal	133	0
Baumel Mosha	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	88.1	0.1
BaySide Warrant D	2700	0
Bet Shemesh	1190	-0.4
Belmon	259	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	172	3
Ben Yakar Bond B	93	2.2
Ben Yakar Gat	3902	-3
Ben Yakar Warrant 2	12	-7.7
Berman	152.5	0.7
Bilu	1032	0
Bilu Bond A	152	0
Binar	660	1.5
Bst	257	0
Bolos Bond B	84.5	0.6
bolos gad warrant 1	74	0
Bonei Tichon	456	0
Bonjour	515	8
Boulous Brothers	139	4.1
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	254	0
Boulous GD	420	-5
Boulous GD Bond A	128.5	0.4
Brand	85.5	8.2
Brill	72	0
Brok Sde	35.7	6.9
Brosh	123	-0.4
Building Bank	2212	0
Building Resou	3235	-2
C Holdings	715	-2.1
C Holdings Bond 5	108	0
C Holdings Warrant 3	38	0
Caesarea 1	4803	3.2
Caniel	3280	5.5
Capital	787	0
Capital Bond A	114.5	0
Caprice	489	-0.4
Cargal	682	0.4
Carmel	538	0
Carmel	494	0
Castro	622	-0.3
Catalene 1	567	-1.7
CDI	206	0
Cemental	817	0
Centre	108.5	-0.5
Centre Bond 1	127.5	0
Chem	482	-2
Chayun Computers	117	0
Chemipal	405	0
Chim-Nir	455	-9
CI Systems	256	0
Cidab	208	-0.5
Clal Computer Warrant 3	110.5	-2.6
Clal Computers	10580	-5.1
Clal Industries Bond	199	-1
Clal Israel 5	480	-2
Clal Retail	55730	0
Cohen Beni	188.5	3
Cohen Dev.	333	6.1
Cohen MM	190	-5
Cold Storage 1	1613	0
Cold Storage 5	8590	0
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	246	0
Compi	198	2.2
Compi Warrant 1	19.5	-2.5
Compulite	194.5	-8.5
Comtech	302	-1
Comtrans	931	0
Contal	860	-3
Contractors	20249	0
Coral Beach	1031	-10
Credit Line	3.9	0
Credit Lines Bond A	32.5	0
Cyclone 1	1985	0
Cyclone Bond 1	243	0
Cyclone Bond 2	145	0.3
Dafron	1588	0
Dafron Bond 1	237	0
Dalin	2.9	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	725	-2.6
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	159	-1.2
Danbar 1	3327	-0.2
Danbar 5	16015	-3
Danbar Bond A	275	0
Danbar Resources	6495	-0.5
Danbar Resources Bond B	161	0.3
Danbar Tech.	8610	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	155	-1
Danel	54	10.2
Danel Bond A	90.5	-0.5
Danel Personnel	2880	-0.7
Danel Warrant 2	825	0
Dankner Bond 1	204	0
Dankner Bond 2	140	2.1
Dankner Bond 3	91.2	0
Dankner Warrant C	307	0
Dankner Warrant D	45	0
Danty	838	-2
Darad	99.5	-1
DARBAN BOND 2	99	-0.5
Darban Bond A	196	0
DARBAN W2	99	-6.1
Darban Warrant 3	106	-11.3
Darea	140	-2.1
Darion	120	0
Dash Investment	806	-1
Data	525	0
Decision Systems	319	0
Degem Systems	412	-4
Delek Drillings	8.6	0
Delek Oil	1597	-0.5
Delta 1	2226	0
Delta 3	6485	0
Destiny	1136	-1
Digal	150.5	0
Dirom1	1894	0
Discount 01	0	0
Dolev	400	0
Dolev Bond A	137.5	0
Dolev warrant 1	65	0
Domicar	439	0
Domicar Bond	149	-0.3
Dor Chim	400	0
Dorc w1	122.5	0
Dorea	57.5	0
Dori c1	95	0.5
Dori Engineering	491	-0.4
Dori Engineering Bond A	137	0.4
Dovrat Bond A	134.5	0.7
Dovrat Shrem	1201	-4
Dovrat Shrem Warrant 3	105	-15
DSL	1301	-0.5
Dubek M	2.2	0
Dubek S	2.2	0
Duniz	320	0
DYG Industries	483	0
E & M Computing	1113	-1
Edgar Albani	106.5	0
Edgar Industries	176	-3
Edgar Inv. Bond C	83.5	0
Edgar Inv. Warrant 4	0	0
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	26.3	-1.1
Elfar Bond A	98	0
Elni	251	0
Eitam	342	0
El Bad	1743	0
El Card	741	0
El Card Bond 1	153.5	0.7
Elad	449	0
Elad Bond A	170	0.6
Elad Bond B	140	-0.4
Elad c3	71.5	2.1
Elad w5	47.2	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	119.5	0.2
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	828	-0.5
Eldan Tech	158	3
Electronics Line	506	-5.1
Elgar	4406	0
Elishev	382	0
Eltech Ind.	745	-1.1
Elkam	382	0
Ella	451	0
Ella Bond A	144.5	0
Elran	3306	-2
Elron Warrant 2	2136	0
Emek	127	0
Emyle	559	-1.9
Engel Const.	956	0
ESE	1928	0
Eshed Robotech	220	7.8
Even	364	-2.2
Evergreen	2779	0
Excelence	1973	0
Export Inv.	857	-2.1
Extra	171.5	0
Feldman	167	0
Feldman Bond A	147	0
Feldman Ind.	187	0
Feldman Warrant 3	18.7	-4.8
Fertilizers 1	128.5	0.4
Feuchtwanger 1	9750	-0.5
Feuchtwanger 5	48600	-0.8
Fidelit	2947	-0.2
Five J Jewelers	285	-3.1
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	122.5	0
Formica Source	199	0
Frutarom	345	-0.3
Gahelet	16326	-0.5
Galcom	219	0
Galran	1250	-1.5
Gama	223	0
Gametronic	590	-1
Gambit	1314	0
Gan ShmoelBond A	98.5	0.5
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	221	0
Gan Shmuel	941	-0.5
Ganei Hadar	383	0
Gap Development	124	7.4
Gap Holdings	298	-10
Gap Warrant 2	20.9	9.4
Gazit	898	0
Gazit Bond B	146	0
Gazit Bond C	116.5	0.4
Gazit Warrant 4	0	0
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	84.5	0
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	557	-1.1
Gibor Warrant 2	75.5	0
Gilboa	130.5	0
Gilo	130	0
Gilrak	1429	-3.5
Gvot Olam Oil	119.5	0
Glob Rit	821	-0.5
Golan	607	0.5
Gold	461	-0.4
Golden House	351	0
Golden House Bond 1	238	0.4
Golex	151.5	0
Granit Bond	140.5	0
Granit Bond 2	137.5	-0.5
Green Software	230	0
Greenberg	714	10
H. Electronics	65	0
H. Mer	1038	0
Habas	3105	0
Habas Bond 1	132	0
Hadar 1	20447	-2.5
Hadar 5	65830	-4
Hadar Ins. 1	702	0
Hadar Ins. 5	3084	2
Hadarim Bond1.	111.2	0
Hadarim Warrant1	1150	0
Hagas	325	0
Hagal Bond B	152.5	0
Hamakor	403	-0.2
Hanal	7.2	0
Harel Bond A	410	-2.4
Hasin Esh	827	2.5
Hason	180	1.4
Hatehof 1	220	1.9
Hatehof Bond A	141.5	0
Hed Arzi Music	423	0
Hiron 1	10365	0
Hiron 5	42779	0
HL Service Bond 2	176	0
HL Service Bond 3	143.5	0.7
HL Services	2182	0
Hod	150	1.7
Hof	699	0
Hoffi	109	3.8
Hydrolics	155.5	-0.3
IES Industries	584	-2
IES Warrant 1	102.5	0
Ilan Gat	186	-2.1
Ilan Gat Bond A	142	-0.4
ILDC Bond 6	248	0
ILDC Hotels	334	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	163	-0.3
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	74.5	-0.7
ILDC Insurance	344	-2
ILDC Insurance Bond A	131.5	0
Imco	1390	0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	75.9	7.9
Ind Bldgs R1	43.5	-5.7
Ind.Dev.Bank C	261	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2588	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2594	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1598	-3
Independence Mort	93715	0
Intercosma	788	0
Intergamma 1	3584	0
Intergamma 5	15518	-6
Iscal	1482	0
Ispro	3886	-0.5
Isracolor	523	-2.2
Israel Corp. 5	104100	-1.6
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	134.5	-0.4
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	180	-1.7
Isralom	1451	9
Isralom Bond B	256	0
Isralom Bond C	89	-0.6
Isralom Warrant 3	6	0
Isramco	3.5	0
Isras 1	5576	-0.3
Isras 5	26230	0
Isras Bond A	244	0
ISTA LINES	2046	-0.2
Jafora Bond A	180	0
Jaysour	173.5	-0.6
Jaysour Bond A	108	0
JEC Bond B	90.7	0
JEC Warrant 3	7.4	0
Jerusalem Mort	194	-4.9
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	163.5	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	107.5	-8.1
JOEL Bond 1A	226	0.4
JOEL Bond 2	122	0
JOEL Bond A	226	0
JOEL Warrant 3	3.7	-5.1
Kadmani	184	0
Kadouri	250	0
kafnce bond b	88.5	0
kafnce warrant 1	96	0
Kahit	1153	-0.8
Kalkalit Bond A	93.5	-0.3
Kalkalit warrant 2	308	-3.9
Kamour	545	4
Kamour Bond G	131	0
Kamour Warrant H	0	0
Kamsept	1050	-1
Kanol Warrant G	1.4	0
Kanicol	22.3	0
Kanicol Bond A	43.7	3.1
Kardan 1	410	-9.8
Kardan 5	1950	-1.5
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3930	0.5
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	226	0.4
Kenstax	357	-6.1
Kesher	780	0
Kesher Bond A	145.5	0.3
Keter	881	0
Kind	18.9	0
Kind Bond A	35.3	0
King	400	-0.2
Kinneret	175.5	0
Kisch Kirur	182.5	0
Klahrei Taula	940	-0.2
Klal	531	-0.2
Klal Bond A	159	0
Klal Bond A	117	0
Klal Warrant 1	6	0
Kill Ind. 5	7738	-1
Koor Bond 5	146.2	0.1
Kopel	211	0.5
Kopel Bond 1	232	0
La Nationale Bond A	141	-1.4
La Nationale Pref	74	0
Lachish	5127	-1.3
Lamont	833	-0.2
Lapidot Oil Exploration	2	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	74.5	0
Lasers	393	-5.1
Lavlav	652	-8.9
Laznick Bldg	500	-9.7
Laznick Comm Ctrs	157	4.7
Laznick Commercial Centres Bon	121.5	0.4
Laznick Ind Bldgs	327	-2.1
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond	138	0
Leader Warrant B	126	0
Lego	475	-1
Leumi Mortgage Bond 154	134	0
Leumi R4	49.4	-5.8
Leventhal	337	-0.3
Levi	709	-3.8
Levi Bond A	136.5	0
Levi Bond B	86	0.6
Levi Warrant 2	99	0
Levinstein Bond A	80	0.6
Levinstein Warrant 2	398	0
Levinstein	836	-1.8
Liber	407	-0.2
Lidan	1391	0
Lilshir 1	215	-0.9
Lilshir 5	696	0.3
Ligad	752	-1.3
Ligad Bond 1	153	0.3
Lighterage 1	484	-1
LIMS	255	0
Lipman	2805	0
Lipski	2822	-0.7
Lipski Bond A	168	0
Liraz Bond A	152.5	0
Lodan	214	-0.5
Lodzia 1	1364	8
Lodzia 4	4425	0.5
Luhot Galil	54	0
Luhot Galil Bond 1	138.5	0
Lumir	3279	-0.2
Ma'anv	2440	0.8
Ma'anv Bond A	130	-0.4
Maabarot	1301	-2
Macpell	994	-3
Macpell Bond A	136	0
Macpell Bond B	116.5	0.4
Macpell Bond C	78.5	-2.5
Macpell Warrant 3	157	-1.9
Mafil	977	0
Magam	173	-1.4
Magam Bond A	173	0.3
Magam Bond B	124.5	0
Magav	431	0.2
Magav Warrant 1	37.8	-30
Magma	45.7	0
Magma Warrant 1	2	0
Magor 1	2389	0
Magor 5	9580	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	83	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	691	-2.5
Magor hldgs. Warrant A	13.2	0
Malal	368	0.8
Malal Bond A	0	0
Mali	69.5	0
Malibu 1	952	-0.3
Malibu 5	4760	0
Malibu Bond B	174.1	0
Malta	1017	-0.5
Man	144	9.9
Man Bond A	230	0
Mantur	53	-7
Marathon	100	-2.4
Marathon Insured	112.5	-0.4
Mano Laznick Constr. Bond 1	166.5	0
Mano Laznick Constr. Bond 2	145.5	0.3
Maritime Bank	1708	-1.9
Maritime Bank Bond A	196	0.3
Maritime Bank Bond B	136	-0.7
Maritime Bank Warrant 6	0	0
Mashav	873	0.2
Mashbir	840	0
Mashov	474	0.4
Mashov	105	-0.5
Mashov Marketing Warrant 1	4	-42.9
Matam	1356	-0.5
Matav Warrant 1	325	0
Maxima 1	1050	0
Maxima 5	4245	0
Mazpak	678	0.3
Med. Hotels	94.5	3.3
Meditechnica	923	-4.7
Meditechnica Bond A	132	0.8
Meditechnica Bond B	80.5	0.6
Meditechnica Warrant 2	235	-3.4
Meditechnica Warrant 3	5.6	5.7
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	127	-0.4
Megason	57.5	0
Meimad	460	-1.3
Meir Ezra	2580	-2.7
Meir Ezra Bond B	240	0.4
Melet	449	0
Melissaron Bond B	0	0
Melissaron Bond B	89.1	0
Melissaron Warrant 3	55	0
Mendelson	259	0
Menofim	67.5	0
Menorah Ins. 5	6000	1.5
Mercazit	686	0
Mercazit Warrant 2	97.5	0
Merhav	195	0
Maytavit	464	0
Middle East Tube	371	-3.9
Middle East Tube Bond A	107	-0.5
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	35	-1.1
Milmor Bond A	144.2	-5.1
Millomar Bond B	82.5	0
Millomar Warrant 2	275	0
Mimsar	125	0
Mini Line	497	0
Minrav	14547	0
Mirage	232	0
Mirage Bond A	131.5	0
Mirage Warrant 1	47.1	0
Mirromit	60	0
Mishnael	19	0
Mishnael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	142.5	-2.4
Mishor Hahof	368	0.3
Miterani	121	0
Mivtach Shamir	2770	0
Mivtach Shamir	1019	-1
MM Engineering	160	2.9
MM Engineering Bond A	118	-0.8
MM Engineering Warrant 2	0	0
Modgal	725	-1.5
Mod'in	2.4	0
Moffet	197	-2
Moffet Convertible Bond AAA	273	0
Molett	799	0
More Plastic Ind.	317	-0.3
Moshkovitz	195.5	-4.6
Moshkovitz Warrant 2	0	0
MTI Computers	424	0
Mul-T-Lock	975	2
Mula Senter	308	0
Nachshon Fund	50	0
Naphtha	44.9	-0.2
Naphtha Oil Exp.	25	9.2
Nalour	593	-0.2
NATSVA BOND A	102.6	0
Navigator	296	0
Navigator Property	503	0
Nechushtan Bond B	77	0
Nechushtan Prop.	188	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	129.5	0.4
Nechushtan Warrant 1	28.6	-2.1
Negev Ceramics	190.5	-2.1
Nehushtan 1	824	0
Nehushtan 5	3909	0
Neot Aviv	7663	0
Nesua	513	0
Neve Arbel	97	7.2
Nevim Hotels	430	-0.5
Newot	795	0
Nia	279	-5.4
Nilow	1195	0
Nisco	1741	-2.5
Nissan	236	-1.7
NMC	398	0
Noga	1627	0
Noga Insorans	84	-1.8
Nordan	11.4	0
Nordan Tech.	383	0
Norfolk	722	-2.3
Norfolk Bond A	142	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	985	-1
Oceana	234	-8.5
Ocif Bond A	176	0.9
Ocif Bond B	172	0
Ocif Bond C	89	-1.1
Ocif Warrant 2	1189	4.7
Octava	859	0
Oitak	201	0
Ofer Bro	8186	-7
Offis	970	0
Ogdan	61	0
Ohalkav	790	0
Oil Fields	13	0
Old-Dok	219	-3.1
Omni	241	0
Omnitech	261	0.4
Ophir	473	-3.5
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	104	0.5
Orasya	3344	0.5
Orazit	270	-7.8
Orazit Bond A	155	0
Orda	4222	0
Orda Bond 1	186	0
Orev	435	0
Onali	151.5	1.3
Ortas	442	0
Orlite Bond A	91	0
Orlite Warrant 2	87	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	120	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	101	-13.9
Ortal	281	18.1
Otzar Hashilton	17680	0.7
Oz	270	0.7
Oz etxde	520	-4
Packer Steel	6200	-2.7
Paltough	489	-0.2
Pama	890	0
Pamas	2105	0.2
Pan Dor	245	2.1
Pardes	857	-0.5
Pardes Bond A	96.5	0
Passport	2986	0
Paz Chen	375	-0.3
PCB	1431	-4.8
PCB Warrant 3	0	0
Pdan Investment	57	0
Pereg	127.5	0
Periclase	1159	-2.8
Phoenix Ins. 5	19100	-5.2
Pica Plast	580	-3.2
Pinros	125	0
Pinros Bond A	137.5	0
Pirkit	344	-1.4
Plason bond a	96	0
Plason warrant 1	338	-5.6
Plasson	3540	-0.6
Plasto Sac	680	-1
Plasto Shack Bond A	85.5	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	113	-10.3
Plasto Shack Warrant 3	4.9	22.5
Poalim Inv. Bond B	88.5	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2450	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	130.7	-0.3
Point of Sale	4750	-2.5
Polak	356	-1.1
Polgat A	230	0
Polgat B 4	940	-1.6
Polgat Bond B	169	0.3
Polygon	233	-3
Polygon Bond 2	208	0
Poraz	236	-3
Poraz Warrant 1	67	-5
Port	79	0
Poseidon	107	-0.9
Pri Haemek	23.6	0.9
Pri Haemek Bond A	48.1	0
Pritzker	267	0
Pritzker Bond A	147	0
Profit	389	0
Profit Bond A	125.5	0
Python	387	0
Quality Cap Mkts	613	-1
Rabintex	116	10
Ram Zur	88	0
Ramgor 1	304	0
Ramgor 4	1291	0
Rapak	2859	-0.2
Rapak Bond A	156.5	1
Rassco	1017	0
Ratio	1.2	9.1
Ratz	391	0
Ratz Bond A	146	0
Rav Car	122.5	-1.2
Ravad	164.5	0
RDC	1043	-0.5
RDC Bond A	136	0
Red Sea Hotels	873	0
Regency	89	0
Regency Bond 1	116.5	0
Regent	352	0
Regent Bond A	139	0
Rekah	408	-1
Reshef	47.2	0
Reshef Bond B	78.5	-0.6
rachert	449	0
Rimoni	830	-0.5
Rogozin	1644	-2.2
Rogozin Bond A	81	0.6
Rogozin Warrant B	537	-5
Romtech	453	10
Rosebud	103.5	-2.4
Rosental	130	0
Rotem	520	0
Rotshtein	175	-0.8
Rotshtein Bond A	134.5	-1.1
RSL	599	-1.5
Sadot Mop Bond A	96.5	0
Sahar Bond a	90.5	0
Sahar Dev.	2100	-1.3
Sahar Securities	745	0
Sahar Securities Warrant 1	0	0
Sahar Warrant 1	254	0
Sahar warrant 2	5.6	0
Sanlacol	178.5	-1.4
Sano 1	1725	-0.2
Sano 5	7182	0.5
Scope	1341	-2
Scope Bond A	89	0
Scope Warrant 2	197	-25.7
Sea Trade	595	0.5
Secom	302	-1.3
Securitas	872	7
Securitas Bond A	170	-0.3
Selen	942	0
Serafon	489	2
Shaked	417	0
Shamir	265	0
Shel	355	-0.6
Shekel	130	0
Shekel Bond A	141	0
Shelem	75.2	-1.9
Shelem Barkan Bond 4	145	0
Shelem Bond 1	142.5	0
Shelem Warrant 1	2.9	7.4
Sheleg	75	2.7
Shem Tov	303	1.3
Shemen	15003	0
Shemen Bond A	157.5	0.3
Shladot	76.5	-10
Shlomo Angel	6130	0
Shmi c2	86	0
Shmi w2	260	0
Shmira	953	-0.2
Shmira Bond A	153.5	0
Shniv	610	0
Shtang	155	0
Shulamit	242	0
Shulamit Bond A	139.5	0.4
Sinai	418	0
Sinel Bond A	132.5	-0.4
Solel Bone Bond A	107.2	0
Soll BoneR1	536	5.2
Solog	454	-5
Solomon	443	0
solomon bond a	76.5	0
Solomon Holdings	697	-3.1
solomon warrant 2	105	-5.8
South Pipe	413	0
Spancrit	272	-1.1
Spectronix 1	994	0
STG	1181	-1.3
STG Bond A	105	0.5
Sunfrost	3235	0
Suny Electronics	485	0
Synopsis	147.5	-3.6
Synopsis Bond A	145.5	0
Syntec	420	-1.2
Ta'al	350	0
Tachof Bond B	80.5	2.5
Tachof Warrant 3	46.5	-0.2
Tadbik	337	0
Tadiran Appl	363	-1.9
Takam	1063	-1.5
Tal	86.5	10.3
Tal Bond A	82	0
TAP Bond 1	275	0
Tashloz bond a	82.5	1.9
Tashloz warrant 2	92.5	0
Tashluz	459	0
Tashluz Bond A	155	0
Tashluz Bond B	123	0
Tashluz Prop.	848	0
Tashluz Warrant 2	16.8	0
Taste of Israel	187	0.5
TAT 1	535	0
TAT 5	1418	-0.1
TAT Bond A	237	0
Taya	786	-5
Taya Comm. 1	251	0
Team Computers	5860	-4.4
Technoplast	462	-0.4
Technoplast Warrant 2	516	0
Tedea	2249	-2.3
Tedea Bond A	99	0
Tedea Warrant 1	391	-3
Tefahot Preferred	198000	0
Telen	3014	-3.2
Teldor	512	0
Telsis	1641	-0.2
Telsis Warrant 1	305	1.7
Tene	312	0
Teuza	198	-6.1
Teuza insured	216	-1.4
Tibon Veal	196	0
Tim Warrant 3	752	0
Tiv	428	0
TMM	84	-1.2
Tobias	1818	0
Tom	1130	-3.5
Topline	439	-5
Topline Bond 2	151.5	1
Topper	41.4	0
Topper Bond 1	63.5	0
Topper Warrant 2	1.2	-14.3
Tosaf Compounds	345	-2
Trade	305	0
Trade Bond A	190	0
Trend Line	929	0
Trocadero	72	0
Trydikal	559	-0.5
Tsabar	125	0
Tsarfati	534	-9.9
Tsarfati Bond A	144.5	0
Tsur	186.5	-3.4
Tsur Bond A	242	-0.8
Tsur Bond B	108	0
Tsur Bond C	98	1.1
Tsur Preferred	160	0
Tuttenauer	1192	0.5
Tzmicha	924	0
Tzmicha Bond A	189.5	0
Ulitsio	101	22.4
Unibar 1	947	0
Unibar 5	1816	0
Unico	3558	0
Unicom 1	78	0.5
Unicom Bond 1	221	0
Unidress	758	0
United Steel	190	-3.2
United Steel Industries Bond 1	152	0
Univercol	422	0
Urdan Warrnt 5	182	-1.7
Urope Israel	3728	2
Vardinon	23000	0
Vardinon Bond A	151	0.7
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	143	0
Videomatrix	44.4	0
Vilar	415	0
Vilar Bond 1	147.5	0
Vili Food	1414	0
Viliger Bond A	147	3.2
Vitalgo	365	0
Vitalgo Bond A	115.5	0
Vulcan	335	0
Vulcan Bond 1	222	0
Will Bond A	89	-1.7
Will Warrant 1	270	0
Woolfman 1	681	-0.3
Woolfman 5	3094	-0.5
Woolfson	69876	0
Ya'ara	635	0.3
Yaacobi	177.5	0
Yaad Bond A	183.5	0
Yaad Bond B	85	0
Yaad Industries	361	-5
Yaad Warrant 3	73.5	0
Yad	425	0
Yamit	242	-3.2
Yarden	498	-4.1
Yarden Bond 2	117	0
Yarden Warrant 5	0	0
YDFZ	250	-4.6
YDFZ Bond A	146	0.7
Yeda	1485	-2
Yehuda	275	10
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
YLR	901	0
Yona Bond A	149.5	-0.3
Yona Hotels	204	0
Yozma	437	0
Yuval	136	0
Zahir	586	0
Zanes Holdings	54.5	0
Zarfati Bond B	86	0.6
Zarfati Warrant 2	80.5	-10.1
Zat	103	-5.1
Zehavi	270	0
Zeller Ablagon	559	-0.2
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	143	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	127	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	72.5	0
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	11.4	2.7
Zika 1	684	2
Zika 5	2908	-1
Zikit 1	4905	-1.7
Zikit 5	26760	2.5
Zinometal	870	0
Zion Cables 1	316	-3.4
Zion Holdings	16438	-5
Zion Textiles	59	0
Ziv	282	0
Zohar	305	0
Zoko	266	-1.

ISRAELI SHARES ABROAD

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	37.25	-0.375
Ampal American Israel	5	+0
Electro Chemical Ind	1	0
Etz Lavud	8	-0.25
Etz Lavud Cl A	5.8125	-0.25
Integrated Technology	1.25	-0.0625
Carmel Containers Sys	7	0

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	3.5	+0
Accent Software	0.8125	+0.125
A.G. Associates	4.25	+0
Aladdin	12.4375	+0
Ampal	14.75	0
Arel	2.5	+0.125
Ariely Advertising Ltd	2.4375	+0.25
Better Online Solutions	5.25	+0.125
Bio Technology General	8.0625	-0.25
B.V.R. Technologies	11.0625	-0.3125
Checkpoint Software	39.5938	-0.28125
Cimatron	4.0625	+0.03125
Converse Technology	44.75	-0.75
Crystal Systems Solutions	15.875	-0.375
D.S.P.G. Group	22.375	-0.625
D.S.P.T. Tech	9.875	+0.5625
Data Systems Software	5.6875	+0.1875
ECI Telecom	28.125	+1.125
Edusoft	5.875	+0
Electric Fuel	2.5	-0.1875
Electronics for Imaging	21.625	+0
Elbit Computers	3.875	+0.0625
Elron Electronics	15.6875	-0.0625
Elbit Medical Imaging	7	+0.3125
Elbit Systems Ltd	13.125	+0.25
Eltek Circuit Boards	1.625	+0.125
Engel General Developers	8.75	0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	32.625	-0.875
Elbit Vision Systems	4.875	-0.1875
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.5	+0
Formula Systems (1985)	32.8125	+1.0625
Forsoft Ltd	13	+0.5
Galileo	40.25	+0.375
G.Willi-Food	5	+0
Gilat Comm Ltd	7.5625	-0.3125
Gilat Satellite Networks	34.875	+3.625
Genesis Bros	7	+0.25
Geoteck	1.375	-0.09375
Healthcare Technologies	1.125	0
Home Center	11.625	+0.375
I.C.T.S.	7.25	+0.125
IIC Industries	43.25	-0.25
I.I.S. Intelligent info	0.96875	-0.03125
Israel Land Develop - ADR	16	+0
Indigo	5.375	-0.125
ISG Intl Software Group	10.5	-0.0625
Isramco	0.71875	-0.03125
Laser Technologies	-	-
Lan Optics	3.625	+0
Logal	1.0625	+0.0625
Level 8 Systems	12	-0.75
M-Systems Flash Disk	5	-0.0625
Madge	6.5	+0.0625
Magal Security Systems	3	-0.125
Matav	19.25	+0
Medis El	6.25	+0
Memco	23.25	-0.375
Mer Telemanagement	3.125	+0.125
Mercury	37	-1.125
Magic Software Enterprises	4.875	+0.25
Netmanage	2.78125	+0.09375
New Dimension Software	19.875	-0.75
Nice Systems	45.625	+0.375
Neuro-Medical Systems	2.375	+0
Nur Tecnology	3.03125	-0.09375
Opal Systems Solutions	5.125	-0.375
Orbotech	36.1875	-0.6875
Orckit	15.25	-0.5
Oshap Technologies	9.875	-0.1875
Pharmos	2.15625	+0.03125
Rada Electronics Ind	2.3125	+0
Radcom Ltd	5.25	+0.0625
RIT Technologies	12.125	+0
RSL Communications	24.5	+0.75
Scitex Corporations	11.5625	+0.1875
Silicom	2.375	0
Summit Design	13.625	-0.125
Sapiens International	7.1875	-0.09375
Scanvec	2.5	+0.125
Tadiran Telecomm	14.25	+0.25
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	5	+0
Tat Technologies	0.90625	+0.09375
Technomatix Technologies	35.625	-0.75
Teva	42.375	-0.125
Top Image Systems	3	0
Teledata Communications	18	+0.4375
Tower Semiconductor	11.125	-0.125
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	5.875	+0.25
TVG Technologies	1.25	+0.0625
Vocaltec	22.625	+0.375
Wiz Tec Solutions	10.625	+1.375
Zag Industries Ltd	11.5	-0.25
Zoran Corporation	15.875	-0.25

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Blue Square	13.875	0
D.S.P. Communications	16.3125	+0.1875
Elscint	7.4375	+0
First Israel Fund	13.25	-0.125
PEC Israeli Economic Corp	20.8125	-0.0625
Koor	21.625	+0.25
Simula Inc	16.5625	-0.125
Super-Sol Ltd	15.3125	-0.4375
Tadiran	39.8125	-0.1875
Tefron Ltd	22.75	-0.1875

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Batm Advanced	150	+0
Dmatek Ltd	22	+0
Geo Interactive Media	141	-1
Pilat	62.5	+7
S.E.A. Multimedia	4.5	+0
Selector	-	-

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

	LAST	CHANGE*
Aiza	37.6875	+0.375
AMP Inc	43.5625	-0.0625
AMR Corp	133	+0.4375
ASA	20.9375	-0.3125
Abbott Labs	74.1875	-0.875
Advanced Micro	22	-0.8125
Astra Lde	83.6875	-2.375
Affiliated Publ	23.625	-0.25
Allac	62	-0.125
Ahmanson (HF)	61.875	+0.875
Air Prods	83.5	-0.5
Alberto-Culv B	30	-0.125
Albertson's	49.375	-0.1875
Alcan Aluminum	31.625	+0.0625
Allied Signal	42.1875	-0.1875
Alcoa	71.6875	-0.625
Amax	38.4375	-0.4375
Amerada Hess	59.75	-0.25
Amer Brands	23.375	-0.1875
Amer El Power	48.1875	+0.0625
Amer Express	91.875	-1
Amer Genl Corp	60	+1.4375
Amer Greeting	-	-
Amer Home Pr	91.75	-2.8125
Amer Int'l	120.75	-1.0625
Amer Natl Ins	99	+0.75
Amer Power Conv	29.625	+1.0625
Amer Stores	25.0625	-0.125
Amer T & T	61.75	-0.3125
Amer West Hldg	25.1875	+0.1875
Ameritech	43.625	-0.25
Ametek Inc	27.125	-0.0625
Amgen	52.75	-0.6875
Amoco	85.625	-2.0625
Analog Devices	32.625	+1.375
Anheuser-Busch	48.75	-0.1875
Aon Corp	60.5	+0.125
Apple Computer	24.4375	+1.3125
Applied Magnetics	11.5625	+0.0625
Applied Materials	35.5	+0.125
Archer Daniels	23.125	+0.3125
Armco	5.4375	+0
Armstrong World	79.5	+0.5
Asarco	23.25	+0.6875
Ashland Coal	28.6875	+0.5
Ashland Oil	56.6875	+0
Atlantic Richfld	77.5	-2.25
Auto Data Pro	62.375	+0.25
Autodesk	48	+0
Avery Dennison	51.0625	+0.125
Avnet Inc	64.25	+0.625
Avon Products	74.5	+3.6875
Baimco Corp	10.5625	+0.0625
Baker Hughes	41.1875	-1.625
Ball Corp	32.75	-0.25
Baltimore Gas	31.5	+0
Banc One Corp	57.75	+0.8125
Bandag	56.125	-0.625
BankAmerica	75.75	-2.25
Bank of Boston	100.688	+0
Bank of New Yk	58.5	-0.5625
Bankers Trst NY	118.125	-0.875
Barnett Banks	-	
Barnes & Noble	35.875	-0.0625
Battle Mount Gd	5.8125	+0
Bausch & Lomb	44.3125	-0.625
Baxter Intl	55.8125	-0.9375
Bay Network	30.375	-0.9375
Becton Dickinson	63.125	+0.75
Bell Atlantic	92	-1.125
Bell Industries	14	+0
BellSouth	59.875	-0.8125
HA Belo Corp	53.375	-0.875
Beneficial Corp	120.188	+0.6875
Bethlehem Steel	11	+0
Beverly Entprs	15.0625	-0.3125
Biomet	28.75	-0.5625
Black & Decker	48.75	+0.1875
Boeing	53.4375	+1.0625
Boise Cascade	32.6875	-0.6875
Bowater Inc	51.375	+1.125
Briggs & Strtn	44.5	+0
Brist Myrs Sqb	101.063	-1.1875
Brit Airws ADR	92.3125	-1.3125
Brit Steel ADR	25.5	+0.125
Brit Telecom	89.5	-2.4375
Brown Group	14.5625	-0.125
Brown & Sharpe	10	-0.0625
Browning Ferris	32.8125	+0.5625
Brunswick	31.6875	+0.375
Burlington Nthn	100.375	-0.875
Burlington Res	45.125	-0.625
CBS Inc	32.125	+0.25
CMS Energy Corp	44.5	-0.1875
CPC Intern	-	
CSX Corporation	56.625	-0.375
Cabot Corp	36.75	+0.25
Campbell Soup	58.375	-0.125
Canadian Pac	28.9375	+0.0625
Capital Cts ABC	106.25	-0.4375
Capstead	18.6875	-0.125
Caremark Corp	28.75	+1.8125
Carnival Corp	60	+0.625
Carolina Pwr Lt	41.6875	-0.125
Carpenter Tech	47.125	-0.25
Caterpillar	52.0625	-0.5
Centex Corp	37.5	+0.5625
Central & SW	26.75	+0.0625
Ceridian	47.125	+0.75
Champion Intl	51.125	-0.375
Chrng Shoppes	4.375	+0
Chase Manhattan	122.625	-2.6875
Chevron Corp	83.5	-0.25
Chiquita Brands	13.5	-0.125
Chrysler	40.25	+0.875
Chubb Corp	79.625	-0.25
Cisco	65.25	+0.75
Citicorp	131.5	-2.6875
Clevld Cliffs	52.6875	-0.1875
Clorox	85.8125	-2.5625
Coastal Corp	64	-0.625
Coca Cola	68.75	+0.5625
Coca Cola Ent	32.4375	-0.4375
Colgate Palmolv	79.3125	-0.9375
Comcast Corp A	36.5	+0.75
Compaq	29.5625	-0.25
Compute Ass Int	47.5625	+1.4375
Computer Sci	105	-2
Conagra	30.5	-0.25
Cons Edison	42.9375	+0.125
Cons Freightwys	42	+0.0625
Cons Nat Gas	58.5	-1.125
Cooper Inds	58.875	+0.125
Coors (Adolph)	32.0625	+0.03125
Corning Inc	40.75	-0.1875
Crane	48.6875	-0.625
Crompton Knowles	29.6875	-0.25
Crown Cork Seal	54.5	-0.0625
Cummins Engine	57.3125	-0.125
Curtiss-Wright	37.625	-0.25
Cypress Semicon	8.625	+0.125
Cypress Mineral	16.8125	-0.1875
Cytec Indust.	51	-0.0625
DOE	33.125	-0.1875
Dana Corp	54.8125	-0.25
Data General	18.4375	-0.75
Dayton Hudson	80.4375	+0.375
De Beers	19.9375	-0.125
Deere	57.125	+0.6875
Delm Pwr & L	-	-
Dell Computers	139.063	+7.9375
Delta Air Lnes	117.688	+1.3125
Deluxe Corp	33.875	+0.25
Detroit Edison	36.75	+0.0625
Dial Corp Del	25	+0.3125
Diebold Inc	50.375	-0.375
Digital Equip	53.1875	-0.9375
Dillard Dep St	35.875	+0.125
Disney (Walt)	106.875	-3.125
Dominion Res	40.4375	+0.1875
Donelley (RR)	39.25	+0.125
Dover Corp	38.4375	+0.25
Dow Chemicals	91.25	+0.3125
Dow Jones	52.375	+0.3125
Dresser	47	-1.375
DSC Comm	18.3125	-0.75
Duke Power	58.1875	+0.5625
Dun & Bradst	33.75	-0.25
Du Pont	62.1875	-0.625
E G & G Corp	27	-0.125
Eastern Ents	43.75	-0.375
Eastman Kodak	66.5	-1
Eaton Corp	96.6875	+1
Echlin Inc	48.625	-1.875
Emerson Elec	63.4375	-0.8125
Engelhard Corp	18.375	+0.25
Enron Corp	48.75	-0.125
Enserg Corp	29.0625	+0.1875
Enzo Biochem	13.5625	-0.1875
Equifax Inc	35.8125	+0.0625
Ericsson	44.75	-0.375
Ethyl Corp	8.0625	-0.1875
Exide Corp	21.5625	+0
Exxon	63.4375	-0.8125
FMC Corp	70.5	-2.1875
FPL Group	59.125	+0.625
Fedders Corp	6	-0.25
Federal Express	64.25	-0.75
Federal Mogul	50.875	+2.4375
Fed Nat Mtge	62.75	-0.5625
Fieldcrest Can	-	-
First Chicago	81.25	-0.5
First Union	52	-0.75
Fruit of the Loom	32.4375	-0.5
Fst Union Rlty	12.1875	-0.25
Fleet Finl Grp	78.125	-0.625
Fleetwd Enterp	47.1875	+0.375
Fleming Cos Ok	18.6875	+0.625
Florida Prog	38.5	-0.625
Fluor Corp	48.5	+0.625
Food Lion Inc	10.25	+0.125
Ford Motor	58.1875	-0.75
Fortune Brands	39.5	-0.5
Foster Wheeler	26.0625	-0.25
Freeport McMor	-	-
Galoob Toys	8.5	-0.25
Gateway 2000	1.09375	-0.0625
GATX Corp	76.75	+0.25
GTE Corp	54.75	+0
Gannett	63.625	+0.6875
Gap Inc Del	43.1875	-1.375
Gencorp	27.5	+0.3125
Gen Am Invest	27.5	+0.0625
Gen Dynamics	86.875	+1.5
Gen Electric	76.3125	-0.9375
Gen Mills	71.25	-0.0625
Gen Motors	73.0625	+2.5
Gen Motors H	42.875	-0.25
Gen Public Utl	40.875	+0.125
Gen Reinsurnce	215.438	+2.125
Gen Signal	40.5625	-0.3125
Gen DataComm	4	-0.1875
Genuine Parts	38.9375	-0.125
Georgia Pac	61.8125	-0.8125
Gillette	107.75	-1.1875
Glaxo ADR	54.25	-0.75
Golden W Finl	91.25	+2.5625
Goodrich (BF)	49.875	-0.375
Goodyear Tire	68.9375	-0.1875
Grace (W&R)	82.5	-1.5
Grainger (WW)	97.1875	-0.9375
Grt Atl Pac Tea	31.0625	+0.3125
Grt Central Mine	3.8125	-0.0625
Gulf Canada Res	5.8125	-0.0625
Halliburton	48.8125	-1.1875
Hanna (MA)	23.3125	+0.375
Harcourt	56.0625	+0.0625
Harley Davidson	28.625	+0.25
Harnischfeger	33.0625	-1.125
Harrah's Ent	22.0625	+0.4375
Harris Corp	50.3125	+0.1875
Hasco Corp	43.0625	+0.375
Hartmarx	7.875	-0.0625
Hasbro	35.1875	-0.9375
Health Care Ppt	37	-0.125
Hecla Mining	5.8125	-0.125
Heinz (HJ)	58.9375	-0.5
Helix Technol	21.125	+0.1875
Hmrch & Payne	30	-0.75
Hercules	47.625	-0.125
Hershey Foods	66.25	+1.9375
Hewlett Packard	64.3125	-0.1875
Hilton Hotels	32.3125	+0.4375
Hirsch Int	10.3125	+0
Hollinger	16.0625	+0
Home Depot	64.375	+0
Homestake	10	+0
Honeywell	78.5625	+0.75
Hormel (Geo)	37.3125	+0.0625
Household Intl	129.75	-0.9375
Houston Inds	25.9375	+0
Humana	25.25	-0.4375
IBM	102.375	+0.25
Illinova Corp	27.8125	+0.1875
Illinois Tool	61.3125	-1.4375
INCO	18.8125	+0.1875
Ingersoll Rand	47.125	-0.5625
Inland Steel	21.4375	+0.5625
Intel Corp	86.4375	+1.125
Intergraph	9.59375	+0.15625
Interlake	4.8125	+0.0625
Intl Flav & Fr	46.0625	+0.3125
Intl Multifoods	28.375	+0.3125
Intl Paper	48.5	+0.5
Interpublic	54.8125	-0.1875
ITT Corp	-	-
Jefferson Pil	83.4375	-0.8125
Johnson & J	73.1875	-1.3125
K Mart	14.75	+1.3125
Kaiser Alum	9.25	-0.125
Kellogg	42.5	-1.3125
KLA Instruments	42.4375	+1.125
Kennametal	51.4375	-0.375
Kerr-McGee	69.1875	-0.8125
KeyCorp	69.25	-0.875
Kimberly-Clark	57.1875	+0.625
King World Prod	26.1875	-0.3125
Knight Ridder	56.0625	-0.5
Kroger	43.5	+0.0625
LSI Logic	23.875	+1.25
Legget & Platt	50.3125	+0.25
Leucadia Natl	38.375	+0
Lilly (Eli)	62.75	-1.625
Limited Inc	28.75	-0.25
Linear Technol	71	+0.625
Lincoln Nat	82.875	-1
Litton	62.5625	+0.125
Liz Claiborne	51.8125	+1.1875
Lockheed Corp	114	-0.25
Loews Corp	100.25	-0.9375
Lone Star	60.5625	-0.5
Long Island Lt	31.0625	-0.0625
Longs Drug Strs	33.125	+1.25
Loral Corp	25.25	+0.1875
Louisiana Pacif	23.125	+0.0625
Lowe's Co Inc	61.5	-0.25
Lucent Tech	106.25	+1.4375
Lubrizol	38.875	-0.1875
Madge	6.5	+0.0625
MCI Commun	47.6875	-0.3125
Mallinckrodt	38.6875	-0.625
Manor Care	37.125	-0.5625
Mapco Inc	54	+0.5
Marriott	77.4375	+1.0625
Mrsh & McLn	85.8125	-0.875
Marvel	0.8125	+0.0625
Masco Corp	54.625	+0.25
Massmutual Corp	26.9375	-0.5
Mattel Inc	42.3125	-0.25
May Dept St	62.375	+0.875
Maytag Corp	44.125	-0.1875
McDermott	39.1875	-0.1875
McDonalds	53.875	+0.3125
McGraw Hill	75.5	-0.5
McKesson Corp	54	+0.75
Mead Corp	34.375	-0.0625
Medtronic	51.5625	-1.375
Mellon Bk	61.875	-0.3125
Mentor Graphics	10.25	+0
Mercantile Strs	55.125	-0.125
Merck Inc	124.875	-1.4375
Meredith Corp	42.625	-0.875
Merrill Lynch	71.5625	-1.6875
Micron Technol	35.75	+2.125
Microsoft Corp	82.3125	-2.1875
Millipore	36.9375	+0.25
Mine Safety App	60.25	-2.25
Minnesota Mine	89.875	+1.125
Mitchell Energy	28	-0.1875
Mobil Corp	72.1875	+0.125
Mobile Telecom	22.25	-0.0625
Molex Inc	28.75	+1.125
Monarch Mach	7.75	+0
Monsanto	50.375	-0.5
Morgan (JP)	123.813	-0.8125
Morton Intl	32.4375	-0.3125
Motorola Inc	57.5	+1.25
Murphy Oil	50.125	-0.375
Nacco Inds	131.063	+1.0625
Nalco Chemical	40.375	-0.25
Nashua Corp	12.875	-0.0625
NationsBank	69.0625	+0.5625
Natl City Corp	65.375	+0
Natl Semi	22.3125	-0.4375
Natl Serv Ind	56.1875	+0.3125
NatWest Bank	108.25	-3.0625
Navistar Int	30.9375	-0.375
Netscape	19.875	+0.3125
New England El	41.9375	+0
News Corp	26.125	+0.25
NY State El Gas	38	+0.375
NY Times	63.5	+0.375
Newmont Mining	27.9375	-0.25
Niag Mohawk	12.625	-0.25
Nicor Inc	40.75	-0.375
Nike Inc	45	+0.6875
NL Industries	15.375	+0.3125
Noble Affil	38.5	-0.625
Nokia	96.75	-0.75
Nordstrom	62.875	+0.75
Norfolk Southrn	34.25	-0.0625
Northeast Util	12.375	+0.0625
Novell	11.125	+0.65625
Nthn State Pwr	55.375	+0.125
Northrop	134.875	-0.6875
Norwest Corp	41.4375	+0
NSI	2.375	+0
Occidental Pet	26.125	+0.25
Ogden Corp	27.6875	-0.0625
OEA	21.1875	-0.375
Ohio Casualty	46.6875	-0.25
Olin Corp	46.9375	-0.375
Omnicom Group	43.5	-1.4375
Oneok Inc	35.5625	+0.0625
Oracle Systems	26.0625	+0
Oryx Energy Co	25.3125	-0.8125
Oshkosh B'gosh	39.125	-0.125
Overseas Ship	21.375	-0.4375
Owens Corning	31.875	+0.75
PNC Financial	55.25	-0.4375
PPG Industries	65.1875	+0.25
Paccar Inc	64.875	-0.25
Pacificorp	23.25	+0.0625
Pac Enterprises	38.5625	+0.0625
Pac Gas & Elect	30.125	+0.0625
Pall Corp	20.625	-0.125
Parker Drilling	11.625	-0.125
Parker Hannifin	47.1875	+0.9375
Payless Shoe	69.5	-0.1875
Penney(JC)	71.9375	-0.75
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	22.5	-0.0625
Pennzoil	68.25	+1.0625
People's Energy	35.9375	-0.25
Pepsico	37.0625	-0.3125
Perkin Elmer	72.375	-1.625
Pfizer	86	-2
Pharmacia & Upj	41.3125	+0.9375
Phelps Dodge	64.875	-0.125
Philadel Elec	20.4375	+0
Philip Morris	43	-0.8125
Philips Elec	75.75	-0.3125
Phillips Pet	50.0625	+0.125
Phycor Inc	25.8125	-0.1875
Pioneer Hi Bred	104	-1
Pitney Bowes	48.5	-0.3125
Policy Mgt Sys	75.3125	+0.3125
Polycom	9.5	+0.5625
Potash Corp	90.125	+0.1875
Potomac El Pwr	25.375	-0.1875
Procter & Gamble	82.125	-0.125
Promus Hotel Cor	47.75	-0.0625
Pub Svc Enterpr	32.3125	-0.0625
Pug Snd Pwr	27.0625	-0.25
Quaker Oats	56.125	+0.625
Qualcom	49.3125	+0.03125
Quanex Corp	32.9375	-0.4375
RJR Nabisco	34.5	-0.0625
Ralston Purina	100.688	+0.5
Rank Orgnsn ADR	11.1875	-0.1875
Raychem Corp	44	-0.25
Raytheon	-	-
Reebok Intl	33	+0.5625
Republic NY	121.938	-0.0625
Reynolds Reyn A	21.625	+0.5625
Reynolds Metals	62.625	+0
Rite Aid Corp	32.5625	+0.1875
Roadway Services	-	-
Rockwell Intl	58.875	+1
Rohm & Haas	104.25	+0.8125
Rohr Industries	-	-
Rouse	32.25	-0.375
Rowan	30.25	-0.875
Royal Dutch	54.3125	-0.625
Rubbermaid	28.875	+0.625
Ruddick	19.0625	+0.625
Russell Corp	27.25	+0
Ryder System	36.5	-0.75
SPS Technology	48	-0.1875
Safeco Corp	51.5	-0.5
Safety-Kleen	26.9375	+0.0625
St Paul's Cos	87.8125	+0.8125
San Diego Gas	25.6875	-0.0625
Sara Lee Corp	56.5	-0.3125
Schering Plough	73.3125	-1.1875
Schlumberger	77.125	-1.8125
Scientif Atlanta	19.1875	-0.4375
Scripps	53.875	+0.0625
Seagate Tech	22.9375	+0.25
Seagram	37.8125	-0.25
Sears Roebuck	54.125	-0.875
Sensormatic Elec	17.875	+0
Service Corp I	39.625	+0.25
Service Master	26.9375	-0.0625
Shell Trans	42.5625	-0.625
Sherwin Wllms	34.0625	+0.0625
Shoney's Inc	4.25	-0.25
Sigma Aldrich	39.875	-0.125
Silicon Graphics	14.75	-0.0625
Skyline Corp	31.375	-0.375
Smith Intl	59	+0.75
SmKline Bchm A	60.5	-0.5625
Snap-On-Tools	42.9375	-0.25
Sonat	43.8125	-0.5
Sonocco Prods	39.75	+0.75
Sony Corp ADR	90.1875	-1
Southdown	66	+0.0625
Southern Co	24.9375	+0
Sth N. Eng Tel	64	-0.3125
Southw Airlines	29.1875	-0.5625
SBC Sthwstn Bell	76.0625	-0.5
Spring Inds	56.375	-0.125
Sprint Corp	66.875	-0.4375
Standard Prods	32.625	-0.25
Stanley Works	48.625	-0.125
Stone Container	11.75	+0.1875
Storage Technol	68.4375	+1.4375
Stratus Comp	46.3125	-0.25
Sun America	1.4375	-0.1875
Sun Company	40.75	-0.375
Sundstrand	59.0625	-0.375
Sun Microsystems	46.5625	+1.25
Suntrust	73.6875	-0.4375
Supervalu	47.6875	-0.3125
Symantec	24.625	-0.125
Sysco Corp	48.9375	-0.125
TJX Cos Inc	38.6875	-0.5625
TRW Inc	54.0625	-0.1875
Tab Products	13.125	-0.25
Tandy Corp	44.8125	+0.9375
Telecom Corp	29.5625	+0.125
Telefonos de Mex	51.75	+0
Telef De Espana	102.75	-3.75
Temple Inland	59.9375	+0.25
Tenneco	42.25	+0.25

*In local currencies

	LAST	CHANGE*
Tenet Health	36	-1
Teradyne	40.8125	+0.375
Tesoro Pet	18.0625	-0.9375
Texaco	55.625	-0.0625
Texas Instruments	55	+1.9375
Texas Utilities	39.875	-0.5
Textron	73.5	-0.3125
Thiokol	27.75	+0.75
Thomas & Betts	57.0625	+0.5
ThreeCom	37.6875	+2.4375
Time Warner	69.875	+0.9375
Times-Mirror	62.125	-0.4375
Timken	33.125	-0.1875
Torchmark	46	-0.5625
Toeco Corp	36.375	-0.8125
Toys R Us	26.375	+0.0625
Transamerica	119.063	-0.625
Transco Energy	50.6875	-1.1875
Travellers Grp	55.125	-0.5
Tribune	66.1875	+1.0625
Triton Energy	33.125	+0.3125
TWA	12.9375	-0.25
Tyco Labs	52.9375	+0.5625
Tyler	7.1875	-0.1875
UAL Corp	86.125	-1.125
USG Corp	54	+0.0625
UST Inc	34.6875	+0
USX Marathon	35.625	-0.75
USX-US Steel	36.5	+0.4375
Ultramar Diam	35.5875	-0.25
Unicom Corp	32.125	-0.0625
Unilever PLC	37.75	-0.3125
Unilever NV	85.8125	-0.4375
Union Camp	59.3125	+0
Union Carbide	46.75	-0.5
Union Electric	-	-
Union Pacific	50.875	+1.4375
Unisys Corp	17.75	+0.3125
USAIR Group	69.5625	+1.5
USF&G Corp	24.125	-0.0625
US Home	44	-0.375
US Surgical	31.375	-0.3125
US Trust	63.125	-0.8125
US West	51.9375	+0.0625
United Tech	69.25	-0.9375
Unocal Corp	37.5625	-0.0625
VF Corp	47.9375	+0.25
Valero Energy	35.0625	-0.9375
Varian Assoc	55.875	-0.8125
Viacom Inc	47.9375	+0.375
Vishay	21	+0.5
Vulcan Materials	99.75	-1.5625
Wachovia	79.875	+0.125
Wal-mart	36.375	-0.0625
Wal-Mart Stores	48.5625	+0.125
Warner-Lambert	152.938	+1.0625
Wash Gas Light	26.625	-0.375
Washington Mutu	67.9375	-0.25
Washington Post	501.75	+8.1875
Waste Mgmnt Inc	34.5	-0.0625
Watkins-Johnson	27.25	+0.4375
Wells Markets	35.125	-0.125
Wells Fargo	320.438	-8.5625
Wendy's Intl	21	-0.25
Westvaco	31.625	-0.3125
Weyerhauser	51.5625	+0.125
Whirlpool	68.9375	+1.5
Whitman	18	+0.0625
Williams Co	32.5625	-0.0625
Winn Dixie Stos	54.5625	-0.375
Woolworth	23.625	-0.3125
World Comm	38.375	-0.5625
Worthington Ind	17.9375	+0.25
Wrigley	76.8125	-0.1875
Xerox	91.875	+2.8125
Yellow Freight	19.25	-0.9375
Zenith Electron	6.5	+0.0625
Zero Co	28.125	-0.3125

LONDON

Allied Domecq	559	-16.5
BAT Inds	640	-2
BT	605	-12.5
BTR	191.5	-1.5
Barclays	1748	-50
Base	989	-9.5
Boots	907	-2.5
British Airways	551.5	-9
Diageo	644	-4.5
General Electric	413.5	-4.25
Glaxo	1849	-1
HSBC (75p shs)	1870	-23
ICI	1145	+30.5
Land Securities	1035	-29.5
Lloyds Bank	885	-26
Marks & Spencer	561	-11.5
NatWest Bank	1090	-34
Prudential	895	-22.5
Reuters	622.5	+4
Sainsbury	469	-5
Shell Transport	435.25	-2
Unilever	562	-3.5

PARIS

Accor	1367	-24
Air Liquide	969	+12
Alcatel Alsthom	800	-10
Euro Disney	9.35	+0.55
Michelin B	380.1	-4.9
Moulinex	163.8	+7.4
Paribas	595	-9
Pernod Ricard	409	-6
Peugeot	838	-1
Saint Gobain	882	+4

FRANKFURT

Bayer	76.4	-0.65
Daimler-Benz	153.8	+1.2

	LAST	CHANGE*
Lufthansa	38.05	+1.74
Mannesmann	1145	+11
Metallgesellschaft	38.12	+0.62
Volkswagen	1211	-7

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 5-MAR-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basle) (1)	3.8221	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.578	0
British Pound (1)	5.885	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	1.9692	0
French Franc (1)	0.5872	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.934	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.4306	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.5145	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.0008	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.0243	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8539.94	-45.59
DJ Transport	3437.26	-8.06
DJ Utils	271.92	-0.55
DJ Comp	2762.33	-10.89
NYSE Industr	578.09	-2.71
NYSE Transport	489.4	+0.54
NYSE Comp	544.46	-2.43
S&P 100	500.89	-2.67
S&P Spot Index	1047.34	-4.68

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5733.1	-74.6
Tokyo Nikkei	17095.6	-72.7
Singapore all-share index	412.93	-9.19
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	11350.8	-74.6
Israel Index	230.22	-1.58
Paris CAC 40	3361.32	-33.55
DAX	4757.14	+20.4
Madrid	769.72	+1.26
Swiss Market Index	7130.5	-129
Sydney	2705.4	+21
Milan	1260.83	+14.84

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6472	-0.0032
Mar/future (CME)	1.6474	-0.0042
D-mark: spot	1.819	+0.0082
Mar/future (CME)	0.5508	-0.0029
S-franc: spot	1.4803	+0.0099
Mar/future (CME)	0.6767	-0.0052
Yen: spot	128.7	+0.58
Mar/future (CME)	0.007901	-3.9e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.4216	-0.0004
Mar/future (CME)	0.7031	-0.0007
AusDlr: spot	0.6735	-0.0043
Mar/future (CME)	0.6746	-0.0051
F-franc: spot	6.0987	+0.0267
It Lira: spot	1789.5	+6.5
Nlg: spot	2.05	+0.0083
AutSchg: spot	12.7744	+0.045
Rand: spot	4.526	-0.007
ECU: spot	1.0884	+0.0001

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (CEC)	1800	+31
Coffee (Mar) (CEC)	154.05	-0.95
Wheat (Mar) (CBOT)	328	-2.5
Soybean (Mar) (CBOT)	650.25	+1.75
Sugar (Mar) (CEC)	9.64	0
Orange juice (Mar)(CEC)	101.25	+0.75
Bonds Mar/future	119.313	+0.15625
S and P Mar/future	1048	-7.5

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (LCE)	1054	+19
Coffee (Mar) (LCE)	1805	-53
Brent crude oil (Apr)(IPE)	1392	+4

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.37	-0.03

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Feb)	-	-
Silver (Mar)	5.303	-0.035
Platinum (Apr)	384.5	+0.5
Palladium (Mar)	241.35	+3.3
High-grade copper (Mar)	0.776	+0.002

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	296	-1.65
Gold PM fix	296.75	-0.25
Silver fix	5.39	-10.8

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 5-MAR-98)

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TASE falls on Israel Chem. profit concern

Tel Aviv

Stocks dropped yesterday, led by Israel Chemicals, which fell on *investor concern about fourth-*quarter earnings after two of its subsidiaries posted lower profit during the period. Israel Chemicals dropped 4 percent to NIS 4.37, helping pull the Maof Index of 25 largest shares based on market value down 1.49% to 294.94.

Israel Chemicals subsidiary Rotem reported fourth-quarter net income dropped 55%, and another unit, Dead Sea Works, posted on Tuesday a worse-than-expected drop of 70% in profit. Israel Chemicals is required to report its fourth-quarter results by March 31.

"It appears that Israel Chemicals' reports will not show an improvement, at least on the operational level," said Nir Elperin, an analyst at Ilanot Batucha.

Analysts said the losses at Rotem and Dead Sea Works reflect start-up costs connected with construction of new manufacturing facilities. Lower income at Rotem, a fully owned subsidiary of Israel Chemicals, probably stems from costs associated with the construction of a new fertilizer plant, said Martin Geifman, an analyst at Zannex Securities. Rotem's statement did not provide reasons for the decline.

Dead Sea Works shares lost 3.4% to 9.41. Dead Sea's results were "lower than expected," Geifman said. The costs of building a magnesium plant, a joint venture with Volkswagen AG, *were included in the reports* for the first time and were beyond initial plans, analysts said.

The Tel Aviv-100 Index of largest companies based on market share lost 1.28% to 285.53. Indexes are down for a second day after the TA-100 rose for 10 consecutive sessions.

Europe

UK stocks fell yesterday, as the benchmark index tumbled the most in five weeks on concern *increased competition will dampen* earnings growth among utilities and retailers. Bank stocks fell amid speculation the UK central bank will raise interest rates.

"The utilities are facing tough competition, perhaps people hadn't appreciated how much," said Philip Harris, a fund manager at Albert E Sharp Fund Managers Ltd. which has about 4 billion pounds in UK equities.

The benchmark FTSE 100 Index fell 74.6 points, or 1.28 percent, to 5733.1.

Among electricity utilities, National Power Plc. dropped 32p to 555, PowerGen Plc. declined 43p to 760 and Southern Electric Plc. slid 27p to 513. The utilities fell for a second day after National Power said that increasing competition will cut 1999 profit by £130 million.

Profit margins at power generators will be squeezed by the opening-up of competition in the small-users market later this year. Still, "utilities may bottom out at these levels," Harris said. "Long-term, National Power is doing all the right things," having invested large amounts abroad, he said.

The broader FTSE 250 Index slid 0.24% to 5268.7, led lower by the retailers after a batch of companies issued profit warnings or weaker-than-expected sales growth.

Asia

Japanese stocks fell for a second day, led by steelmakers, amid gloomy corporate earnings forecasts and uncertainty whether the government can quickly revive the economy.

"Statements by politicians are the only thing supporting the market," said Kenji Karikomi, a manager at Daiwa Securities Co.'s equity department. "When they don't have anything to say, all eyes focus on the economy, which looks to be getting worse."

The Nikkei 225 index fell 72.23 points, or 0.42 percent, to 17,095.60. The broader Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 5.18 points, or 0.40%, to 1290.92.

Steelmakers fell almost 2% as a group on expectations they may lower their earnings forecasts on Friday and won't benefit from new proposals for additional public works spending and tax cuts.

"Steelmakers have been bid up solely on hopes the government is going to do something for the economy, and as those hopes fade, investors are looking to take profits," said Miki Okano, a manager at Cosmo Securities Co.'s equity information department.

Nippon Steel Corp. fell 6 yen to 237, Kawasaki Steel Corp. dropped 9 yen to 213, and Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd. slipped 9 yen to 224. Traders bid down shares on the latest reports about poor earnings. Yesterday Nikko Securities Co.'s research unit said companies' aggregate current, or pretax, profits would fall 0.5% in the year to March 31. It had previously forecast a 6.8% increase. (Bloomberg)

STOCKS

Maof 294.94 ▼ 1.49%

Dow Jones 8539 ▼ 0.5%

FTSE 5733.1 ▼ 1.28%

Nikkei 17095.6 ▼ 0.42%

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell modestly yesterday despite an *improvement in interest rates*, which had risen sharply the past two days amid renewed inflation concerns.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 45.59 points — or 0.5 percent — to 8,539.24, halving a 90-point afternoon loss, but halting a five-session streak of record highs.

Most broad-market indicators also suffered modest losses, although the technology-heavy Nasdaq market posted a small gain as Dell Computer surged 6% after two sessions of profit-taking in that high-flying issue.

The losses in stocks came *despite a strong bond market*, where a key long-term interest rate edged down toward 6% after jumping over that mark for the first time since December on Monday.

Bonds were pressured the past two days by strong economic readings suggesting that the Asian fiscal crisis may not slow a resilient US economy enough to keep inflationary pressures in check.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 7-to-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,233 up, 1,737 down and 496 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 642.43 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 609.14 million in the previous session.

Mark declines on talk German joblessness high

The dollar rose against the mark *amid expectations a German jobs* report today will show high unemployment, signaling the economy isn't growing fast enough to warrant higher interest rates any time soon.

Against the yen, the US currency was little changed, held back by speculation the Japanese government will cut taxes and boost spending to pull its economy from the brink of recession.

German unemployment likely remained near a post-World War II high in February, according to economists polled by Bloomberg News. In contrast, a US report due tomorrow is expected to put the unemployment rate last month at a 18-year low.

"It's clear the US growth pace is outstripping that of Germany," said Bob Lynch, a currency strategist at Paribas Corp. in New York. "*That provides underlying support* for the dollar."

The dollar rose to 1.8181 marks from 1.8095 marks Tuesday in London. It was little changed at 126.40 yen from 126.22 yen. Meantime, the Swiss franc fell to a six-week low against the mark and declined against the dollar after the Swiss National Bank stepped up its campaign to weaken the franc by boosting the money supply.

The central bank "is absolutely determined to get the franc down," said Alfonso Alejo, senior proprietary trader at Sakura Bank Ltd. in New York, who said he sold Swiss francs for marks and dollars. He also said he'd sell dollars above 1.82 marks.

A weaker franc makes Swiss exports less expensive and can speed up the country's efforts to emerge from an economic slump.

Expectation of a gloomy German jobs report deepened after the German news service Deutsche Presse Agentur reported that 4.82 million people were jobless in February, *near the January level*, citing "sources close to the Federal Labor Office." Such reports in the past have proved accurate.

The US, meantime, is expected to report the economy added 232,000 jobs last month, bringing the unemployment rate down to 4.6%, matching November's 18-year low. That could quash speculation the US economy is slowing enough to trigger an interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve.

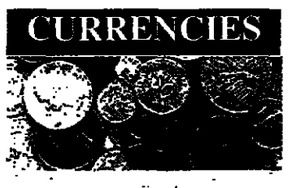
"We could see a bit more upside in dollar-mark," said Gerry Celaya, a currency analyst at Bank of America, who sees the dollar struggling to break *181.80* marks. "Every time the dollar gets to the bottom of its perceived range, we get a bounce back."

The US fed funds target rate for overnight loans is 5.5%, compared with the Bundesbank's 3.3% *benchmark securities repurchase* rate. The higher US rates make dollar deposits more attractive, boosting the US currency.

In Japan, speculation the government will take action to boost its economy underpinned the yen. Vice Finance Minister for International Affairs Eisuke Sakakibara responded to criticism that Japan hasn't done enough to shore up faltering neighboring economies, saying Japan will take needed steps to boost growth.

A host of US officials have lambasted Japan's efforts to spur moribund consumer spending as inadequate. *Fed Chairman Alan* Greenspan Tuesday urged Japan to boost domestic growth and fix a financial system "bloated" with bad loans. (Bloomberg)

CURRENCIES



Dollar 3.5760 no change

Basket 3.8821 no change

Mark 1.9692 ▼ 0.01%

Sterling 5.8950 ▲ 0.1%

Oil rises as OPEC meeting looms

Precious metals

Palladium climbed amid concern that a halt in shipments from Russia, now in its third month, may leave consumers short in coming months. Russia, which supplies more than half the world's palladium, hasn't shipped any of the metal yet this year because the country's export agency is waiting for the government to issue export licenses for 1998.

Yesterday's price increase came *as Russia's parliament, the Duma*, approved the country's 1998 budget. While some traders and analysts have said that approval of the budget is needed for export licenses to be issued, most aren't heralding the news as the signal metal will soon be shipped. Spot palladium rose $2.95 to $238 an ounce.

Oil

Crude oil rose after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries invited all its members to a committee meeting to discuss oil prices, which are languishing at near four-year lows. OPEC's Ministerial Monitoring Committee, which consists of *the OPEC secretary general and* oil ministers from Kuwait, Iran and Nigeria, is scheduled to meet in Vienna March 16. The OPEC Secretariat said all ministers in the Monitoring Committee will be invited to *the meeting to discuss oil* prices.

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, April Brent crude futures rose 20 cents to $14.12 a barrel.

COMMODITIES

Gold $297.0 ▼ 0.85%

Crude Oil $13.97 ▲ 0.05%

CRB 277.63 ▲ 0.17%

Others

Coffee fell amid expectations rising output from Brazil will keep roasters well supplied in the second half of 1998. Coffee growers in Brazil, the largest producer, are due to begin picking their next crop soon amid expectations that the 1998-99 harvest could be the largest for 11 years. Brazilian coffee exporters are expected to start shipping beans from that crop to the US and Europe between May and June, easing concern over a *shortage of milder arabica beans* after smaller Latin American crops in the current marketing year. May coffee fell $51 to $1,607 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange.

Sugar fell. Slumping sugar demand in East Asian threatens to lead to a glut. Tumbling currencies, rising interest rates and slow economic growth have made dollar-priced commodities expensive for consumers shopping in local currencies in East Asia, stifling demand for sugar.

World sugar production is expected to increase to 124.35 million tons in the year ending September 30, up from 123.03 million tons last year and outpacing demand of 122.77 million *tons, ED&F Man said in its latest* report. Production is being boosted by bumper crops in Western Europe and Brazil. May sugar traded $1.30 lower at $274.30 a ton on Liffe. (Bloomberg)

US bonds rise as high yields lure investors

US bonds rose for the first time in three days, as the highest yields since December lured buyers amid expectations inflation will remain subdued.

"The fact yields have backed up may cause us to increase our weighting" of Treasuries, said Gordon Johns, who oversees about $18 billion of fixed-income investments at Zurich Investment Management in London.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 11/32, or $3.44 per $1,000 bond, to 100 2/32, driving its yield down 3 basis points to 6.04 percent. The two-year note yield fell 2 basis points to 5.60%. On Tuesday bond yields rose to the highest this year amid speculation that Asia's slowdown won't drag on US growth enough to prompt the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates.

Yesterday's rebound caused some traders to reverse so-called short sales, or bets that prices would fall. In a short sale, a trader borrows bonds and sells them, speculating he'll be able to replace them later a lower price and pocket the difference. When bonds rise, he must buy bonds or face mounting losses.

Treasury securities had fallen too far too fast, said Jim Madelmayer, a government bond trader at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson North America. "Some people came in and bought, catching traders on the street short."

Bonds have struggled since Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, in his semiannual testimony to Congress last week, said it's unclear whether Asia's problems will slow US growth enough to curb inflation, given robust consumer spending and a booming jobs market. A flood of corporate debt sales also weighed on bonds.

"The bearish tone in Treasuries stems from the belief, furthered by Greenspan, that the market priced in too much of an effect from Asia on the US economy," said Adam Chester, an economist at Halifax Plc.

Greenspan spoke to Congress again yesterday, suggesting that while the economy is still strong, Asia's slowdown is keeping prices from rising much. With inflation running at the slowest pace in *more than a decade and 30-year* yields more than 30 basis points above the record lows reached in January, some investors say it's a good time to buy.

"As bond yields go up, they just become more attractive," said Edgar Peters, who oversees some $5 billion at PanAgora Asset Management in Boston. Peters, who invests in both stocks and bonds, said he will likely add to his bond holdings and reduce stocks since bonds have dropped while stocks are at records.

The next big economic release comes tomorrow, when the government reports on February employment. The jobs report is typically one of the most market-moving releases each month.

"The *important* number of the week is Friday – we'll probably drift around" until then, said Marcello Frustaci, trader at Daiwa Securities America Inc. Frustaci said he's expecting a strong number *that could spark further losses* in bonds. (Bloomberg)

BONDS

US 30-year T-bill yield

6.04 ▼ 0.03

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (22.2.98)

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Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.540	5.590	5.590
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.020	2.110	2.500
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

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	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.7896	3.8508	—	—	3.8221
U.S. dollar	3.5454	3.6026	3.48	3.66	3.5760
German mark	1.9532	1.9848	1.91	2.02	1.9692
Pound sterling	5.8454	5.9397	5.74	6.03	5.8950
French franc	0.5822	0.5916	0.57	0.60	0.5872
Japanese yen (100)	2.8086	2.8539	2.76	2.90	2.8345
Dutch florin	1.7322	1.7602	1.70	1.79	1.7470
Swiss franc	2.3999	2.4387	2.35	2.48	2.4206
Swedish krona	0.4442	0.4514	0.43	0.46	0.4480
Norwegian krone	0.4697	0.4773	0.46	0.49	0.4738
Danish krone	0.5124	0.5207	0.50	0.53	0.5165
Finnish mark	0.6436	0.6540	0.63	0.67	0.6487
Canadian dollar	2.4931	2.5334	2.45	2.57	2.5145
Australian dollar	2.3905	2.4291	2.34	2.47	2.4097
S. African rand	0.7186	0.7302	0.65	0.73	0.7248
Belgian franc (10)	0.9482	0.9615	0.92	0.98	0.9544
Austrian schilling (10)	2.7760	2.8208	2.72	2.86	2.7989
Italian lira (1000)	1.9833	2.0153	1.94	2.05	2.0006
Jordanian dinar	4.9988	5.0795	4.93	5.27	5.0243
Egyptian pound	1.0100	1.1000	1.01	1.10	1.0370
ECU	3.8650	3.9274	—	—	3.8968
Irish punt	4.8444	4.9226	4.76	5.00	4.8884
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3037	2.3408	2.26	2.38	2.3222

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SPORTS
in brief

Strang strikes as Zimbabwe grab one-run win

CHRISTCHURCH (Reuters) – Leg-spinner Paul Strang seized two New Zealand wickets in the penultimate over as Zimbabwe dramatically snatched a one-run victory in the third one-day international at Lancaster Park yesterday.

Strang's double strike and a wicket for paceman Heath Streak in the final over left New Zealand's last pair to get four off the last ball to win, but left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori could manage only two.

New Zealand ended the day-night encounter with 227 for nine after Zimbabwe made 228 for seven off their 50 overs.

The result left the host country 2-1 ahead in the five-match series which continues with the fourth game in Napier on Friday.

Di Matteo joins Chelsea's baldy club

LONDON (Reuters) – Italian midfielder Roberto Di Matteo has become English club Chelsea's latest conversion to the joys of baldness.

Di Matteo unveiled his freshly-shaved pate when he boarded a plane at London's Heathrow Airport for Seville, Spain, where Chelsea are due to play Real Betis in the European Cup Winners' Cup today.

Italian teammate Gianfranco Zola, who sports a thick head of hair, joked: "He's not nice looking with hair. Imagine what he looks like without any."

Di Matteo's shave puts him alongside other Chelsea players who have shaved their heads including French central defender Frank Leboeuf, Italian player/manager Gianluca Vialli and full back Michael Duberry.

Villeneuve determined to start F1 season in style

By TIMOTHY COLLINGS

MELBOURNE (Reuters) – Twelve months after crashing out of the Australian Grand Prix on the opening lap, world champion Jacques Villeneuve returns to the Albert Park circuit on Sunday determined to start the 1998 season in style.

Villeneuve, who won his first world drivers' title after surviving a collision with Michael Schumacher's Ferrari in Jerez last October, wants to show his authority immediately on the track where he made his Formula One debut.

Twice in succession, Villeneuve has won pole position for the Melbourne race on the part-permanent and part-street track around a lake in the tree-lined park.

But the Williams driver has yet to win and hopes the introduction of new technical regulations, bringing in grooved tyres and narrow-track cars, will change his fortunes.

Yesterday, as the teams and drivers continued to arrive for the season-opening race, the Canadian bristled with ambition as he looked ahead to the 58-laps event and his first on-track confrontation with German Schumacher since the fateful European Grand Prix.

"Last year, my race ended after only 500 meters because I had a collision with (Eddie) Irvine," he said. "Hopefully that won't happen this year. I have not won in Australia and, of course, I want to.

"Two years ago, I started well in qualifying, but the race didn't turn out so well. We had a mechancial failure and I had to slow down to let Damon (Hill) by and that was a bit annoying. But it was my first race, so it was kind of okay."

While Villeneuve has endured a hectic build-up to the new campaign, his diary packed with media and marketing engagements, his great rival Schumacher has kept a much lower profile.

But Williams have proved to have done more testing than Ferrari in the run-up to the opening race and will start as favorites.

Villeneuve's new car, the FW20, has already done more than 2,500 kilometers in testing since it was unveiled at Silverstone on January 28. "We've done a lot of solid and encouraging work with minimal problems," said the team's senior operations manager James Robinson.

"We have been to both Barcelona and Le Castellet, but we have not run against the other top teams in a race situation.

So, Melbourne will be our first chance to see if we have done our homework right." Villeneuve said he was looking foward to the race on one of his favorite circuits. "Somehow it suits me...I always enjoy it. I feel confident and I am really itching to get on with it."

Villeneuve has identified his Williams team mate Heinz-Harald Frentzen as his chief rival this year, and in Sunday's race. The German led last year's race for a long period before retiring with brake problems and wants to put the record straight.

"This is my second year with the team, I feel excited about it and confident about this race. This is my chance and I am going for it," Frentzen said, before adding that he feared a strong challenge this year from both McLaren and Ferrari.

"They have the resources to do well with the new rules and have strong teams and cars, but in the end it could be that the tyres make a big difference." Since last season, both Benetton and McLaren have switched from Goodyear to Bridgestone tyres while Williams and Ferrari remained loyal to the American supplier.

Early test results suggested Bridgestone's were the most impressive grooved tyres and that McLaren's line-up of Briton David Coulthard, last year's winner, and Finn Mika Hakkinen would be among the favourites for Sunday's race on the 5.269-kms track.

Schumacher, struggling with a heavy cold, and his Ferrari team mate Irvine are expected to be strong challengers with Benetton's new duo of Italian Giancarlo Fisichella and Austrian Alexander Wurz also capable of a bold bid for victory.

Islanders' Salo stops Flyers

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Tommy Salo redeemed himself after a poor outing by stopping 34 shots to lift the New York Islanders to a 3-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

Salo, who started his 12th straight game, admitted he wasn't good in Sunday's 5-4 loss to Boston, but it was his goaltending that helped stop a three-game losing streak for the Islanders and extend their home unbeaten streak to five games over the Flyers (4-0-1).

New York got goals from Sergei Nemchinov, Zigmund Palffy and Robert Reichel. Rod Brind'Amour scored for Philadelphia.

Garth Snow stopped 21 shots for the Flyers. Snow was chosen to start after Ron Hextall lost for the fifth time in six games in Monday night's 4-3 loss in New Jersey.

Bruins 3, Capitals 0

In Washington, Jason Allison had two goals and an assist and backup goaltender Rob Tallas made 23 saves as the Boston Bruins beat the Washington Capitals.

Sergei Samsonov added a goal and Dimitri Khristich had three assists for the Bruins, who won despite playing with only five defensemen. But Washington, which has dropped five straight games and is winless in six, could not take advantage of Boston's predicament.

Blues 5, Blackhawks 3

In St. Louis, Pavol Demitra had a goal and two assists as the Blues continued an offensive surge with a victory over the Blackhawks.

St. Louis, which got three power-play goals, has won five of six overall. Demitra has two goals and six assists in his last four games.

Flames 2, Lightning 1

In Calgary, Alberta, Tommy Albelin, who last scored on Nov. 20 against the Florida Panthers, recorded his second goal of the season to lift the Calgary Flames over Tampa Bay.

Albelin broke a 1-1 tie at 12:31 of the second period, with Lightning right wing Stephane Richer off for interference and a misconduct.

Tampa Bay's Darcy Tucker tied the game 1-1 early in the second period. Calgary's Cory Stillman scored his 19th goal of the season and 100th NHL career point at 11:39 of the first period on a setup from Theo Fleury.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	16	6	82	173	119
Philadelphia	30	19	9	69	167	131
Washington	26	23	11	63	161	158
N.Y. Rangers	18	26	16	52	146	160
N.Y. Islanders	21	31	8	50	156	168
Florida	18	29	12	48	141	166
Tampa Bay	12	39	9	33	115	196
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	31	17	13	75	171	141
Boston	26	22	12	64	155	145
Montreal	28	23	7	63	170	151
Buffalo	24	21	14	62	150	141
Ottawa	23	28	10	56	137	153
Carolina	22	30	7	51	145	166

Boston 0 2 1—3
Washington 0 0 0—0
First Period—None. Second Period—1, Boston, Allison 23 (Samsonov, Khristich), 9:05. 2, Boston, Allison 24 (Khristich, McLaren), 17:55 (pp). Third Period—3, Boston, Samsonov 13 (Allison, Khristich), 5:42.
Shots on goal—Boston 8-11-4—23. Washington 15-1-7—23.
Power-play Opportunities—Boston 1 of 2; Washington 0 of 4.
Goalies—Boston, Tallas 3-1-2 (23 shots-23 saves). Washington, Kolzig 22-14-9 (23-20).

Philadelphia 0 1 0—1
NY Islanders 2 0 1—3
First Period—1, New York, Nemchinov 8 (Lachance, Smolinski), 8:15 (pp). 2, New York, Palffy 33 (Reichel), 16:44. Second Period—3, Philadelphia, Brind'Amour 26 (Lindros, Therien), 9:53 (pp). Penalties—Jonsson, NY (hooking), :06; Gratton, Phi (hooking), 5:40; Kruse, NY (elbowing), 8:55; Brind'Amour, Phi (hooking), 16:49.
Third Period—4, New York, Reichel 22 (Jonsson, Palffy), :42 (pp).
Shots on goal—Philadelphia 14-13-8—35. New York 9-8-7—24.
Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 5; New York 2 of 6.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	13	9	85	184	118
Detroit	33	15	13	79	184	139
St. Louis	33	22	8	74	190	155
Phoenix	24	26	11	59	165	173
Chicago	23	27	10	56	147	147
Toronto	20	31	8	48	138	172
Pacific Division						
Colorado	31	15	16	78	183	149
Los Angeles	27	21	11	65	173	158
Edmonton	22	29	10	54	155	175
San Jose	22	30	7	51	144	160
Anaheim	20	30	9	49	145	181
Calgary	18	30	12	48	157	185
Vancouver	18	33	10	46	170	215

Chicago 1 2 0—3
St. Louis 1 4 0—5
First Period—1, St. Louis, Demitra 19 (MacInnis, Courtnall), 4:36 (pp). 2, Chicago, Dubinsky 5 (Simpson, Amonte), 16:03. Second Period—3, Chicago, Suter 13 (Shantz), :45 (pp). 4, St. Louis, Bergevin 3 (Demitra, Courtnall), 7:45. 5, St. Louis, Pelletier 7, 10:12 (pp). 6, Chicago, Amonte 23, 11:30. 7, St. Louis, Campbell 17 (Demitra, Hull), 15:48 (pp). 8, St. Louis, Murphy 4 (Turgeon, Duchesne), 18:31. Third Period—None.
Shots on goal—Chicago 10-10-10—30. St. Louis 7-12-5—24.
Power-play Opportunities—Chicago 1 of 8; St. Louis 3 of 7.
Goalies—Chicago, Hackett 15-14-10 (24 shots-19 saves). St. Louis, McLennan 10-4-2 (30-27).

Tampa Bay 0 1 0—1
Calgary 1 1 0—2
First Period—1, Calgary, Stillman 19 (Fleury, Titov), 11:39. Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Tucker 5 (Selivanov, Dykhuis), 5:30. 3, Calgary, Albelin 2 (Fleury, Nylander), 12:31 (pp). Third Period—None.
Shots on goal—Tampa Bay 5-8-13—26. Calgary 13-7-3—23.
Power-play Opportunities—Tampa Bay 0 of 6; Calgary 1 of 5.
Goalies—Tampa Bay, Fitzpatrick 3-10-1 (23 shots-21 saves).
Calgary, Roloson 7-9-5 (26-25).

Pakistan try to ignore media mugging allegations

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) – Pakistan's cricket coach brushed aside new claims yesterday surrounding the alleged mugging of two players in the team touring South Africa.

Ex-bouncer John Katz said Saqlain Mushtaq and Mohammad Akram were injured in a fight in a Johannesburg nightclub and not in a street mugging as they claimed at the time.

Pakistan coach Haroon Rashid said after practice on Wednesday: "We are not interested in these allegations, we are here to play cricket. Anyone who reads this story can make up their own minds...there are so many contradictions in it.

"If we keep on with this matter it will make it difficult to concentrate on the purpose of the tour. There is some good cricket being played at the moment and these things take away from that," Rashid said.

Saqlain was left with his neck in a brace and Akram suffered a cut hand after the incident that led to the postponement for 24 hours of the first Test between South Africa and Pakistan at The Wanderers on February 13.

Katz, who said he was a regular at the Blue Orchid club, told Johannesburg's *Citizen* newspaper he saw the pair arguing with another patron.

"When the cricketers turned aggressive, the bouncer intervened and a bit of a scuffle ensued which ended up with both of them being kicked around a bit," Katz said.

"Outside everyone sort of jumped in on the action and the cricketers gave a good account of themselves." Blue Orchid manager and bouncer Anthony Borrett denied all the allegations to the *Citizen*. He said he was not aware that any Pakistani cricketer had ever visited the club nor that any such incident had taken place. He also said he did not know Katz.

Investigations into the cricketers' allegations have been hamstrung by the refusal of the two players to provide police with statements.

United Cricket Board managing director Ali Bacher has declined to comment on the latest claims.

NBA box scores

Utah 20 30 30 28–108
Toronto 26 16 28 23–93
UTAH (108) Malone 7-20 10-12 24, Keefe 4-5 0-0 8, Foster 1-6 0-2 2, Stockton 3-6 1-1 7, Hornacek 3-4 6-6 12, Eisley 1-2 0-0 2, Carr 1-6 0-0 2, Anderson 11-16 4-4 26, Russell 7-8 5-6 21, Morris 0-2 4-5 4, Vaughn 0-0 0-0 0, Cunningham 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-75 30-37 108.
TORONTO (93) Wallace 9-17 3-4 21, Trent 2-11 0-2 4, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Christie 6-17 7-7 20, Billups 9-18 4-4 26, Brown 4-8 2-2 11, Camby 3-8 2-2 8, Slater 1-1 1-4 3, McGrady 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 34-84 19-25 93

New Jersey 20 23 23 25–91
New York 23 27 20 24–94
NEW JERSEY (91) Gill 5-11 2-4 12, Van Horn 4-14 5-5 14, J.Williams 2-3 1-3 5, Kittles 7-15 3-4 17, Cassell 7-16 5-5 19; Gatling 6-10 5-6 17, Cage 0-0 1-2 1, Douglas 1-3 0-0 2, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 1-1 2-2 4.
Totals 33-74 24-34 91.
NEW YORK (94) Mills 4-10 1-2 9, Johnson 10-14 3-3 23, Oakley 5-11 3-4 13, Houston 7-15 5-5 20, Ward 3-7 4-4 10, Starks 2-15 2-2 8, Cummings 2-4 2-2 6, Thompson 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 35-80 20-22 94.

Seattle 25 25 16 17 14–97
Miami 26 25 17 13 8–91
SEATTLE (97) Schrempf 7-17 2-2 18, Baker 7-14 1-3 15, McIlwaine 2-7 0-0 4, Hawkins 6-9 3-5 18, Payton 3-13 5-7 12, Perkins 5-12 5-5 16, Ellis 5-8 0-0 12, Anthony 0-3 0-0 0, Williams 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-84 16-22 97.
MIAMI (91) Majerle 4-15 0-1 10, Brown 5-11 0-0 10, Mourning 7-14 6-12 20, Lenard 7-16 0-0 18, Hardaway 8-20 0-0 20, Strickland 3-5 2-2 8, Barry 1-5 0-0 3, Murdock 0-3 2-2 2, Conlon 0-0 0-0 0, Sauswell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-89 10-17 91.

Dallas 24 35 24 27–110
Minnesota 20 27 22 30–99
DALLAS (110) Green 3-4 2-2 8, Ceballos 9-17 2-2 22, Anstey 4-8 4-4 12, Reeves 4-10 0-0 9, Finley 5-17 6-6 17, Bradley 8-18 0-1 16, Davis 6-8 5-5 19, Strickland 3-7 0-0 7. Totals 42-90 19-20 110.
MINNESOTA (99) Garnett 9-14 4-5 22, Mitchell 7-14 0-0 14, Roberts 3-4 0-2 6, Porter 3-8 1-1 9, Marbury 6-15 4-5 17, Parks 0-5 4-6 4, Peeler 2-6 0-0 4, Hammonds 5-8 3-4 13, Carr 4-8 0-0 8, Jordan 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 40-83 16-23 99.

Denver 27 29 18 16–90
Chicago 34 25 26 33–118
DENVER (90) Battie 2-4 0-0 4, L.Ellis 6-11 6-6 20, Garrett 4-4 0-0 8, Stith 1-5 0-0 2, Goldwire 2-12 4-4 8, Newman 4-11 5-6 15, Wolf 0-7 0-0 0, Fortson 11-20 4-4 26, Washington 2-8 0-0 4, Garris 0-3 2-2 2, H.Ellis 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 32-86 22-24 90.
CHICAGO (118) Pippen 8-14 5-6 24, Kukoc 4-12 3-4 11, Rodman 2-8 0-0 4, Harper 5-9 3-5 13, Jordan 12-19 6-8 30, Kleine 0-3 2-2 2, Burrell 4-8 1-1 11, Buechler 4-7 0-0 11, Simpkins 3-4 0-0 6, Wennington 3-4 0-0 6.
Totals 45-88 20-24 118.

LA Clippers 22 24 28 23–97
Houston 26 28 19 32–107
LA CLIPPERS (97) Murray 7-18 2-2 17, Rogers 11-23 0-0 27, Austin 6-15 4-4 16, Patkowski 2-7 0-0 5, Martin 4-12 4-5 13, Taylor 4-10 2-2 10, Vrankovic 0-0 0-2 0, Robinson 1-6 1-1 4, Richardson 2-2 0-0 5, Collins 0-0 0-1 0, Smith 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-94 13-17 97.
HOUSTON (107) Bullard 1-3 0-0 3, Willis 9-15 3-3 21, Olajuwon 8-17 2-4 18, Drexler 5-9 13-13 24, Maloney 2-6 0-0 5, Barkley 0-1 2-2 2, Ellis 0-1 0-0 0, Price 3-8 3-3 10, Harrington 4-7 0-0 8, Johnson 7-10 0-0 16. Totals 39-77 23-25 107.

Phoenix 17 23 25 27–93
Portland 28 27 18 25–98
PHOENIX (93) Scott 3-9 0-0 7, McDyess 3-8 5-6 11, J.Williams 1-3 2-2 4, Chapman 5-15 3-3 14, Kidd 9-18 1-1 23, Robinson 3-12 5-5 11, Nash 2-4 0-0 4, Johnson 1-30-0 2, Bryant 1-3 0-0 2, Manning 6-8 3-5 15.
Totals 34-83 19-22 93.
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One of the most important classical music events of the season opens today and continues through Sunday at the Tel Aviv Museum. The second Tempus Fugit contemporary music festival features a large variety of Israeli and international contemporary music performed by Israel's leading musicians and some visitors from abroad. It is hard to pick one or two specific highlights out of the *15 events planned over* the next three days but some intriguing concerts include the Manderling Quartet from Germany (tomorrow, 11 a.m.), the Stockholm Saxophone Quartet (tomorrow, 9:30), the premiere of Gil Shohat's children's opera *The Happy Prince* (Saturday, 11 a.m.), a concert of music by Menahem Wiesenberg (Saturday, 1:30) and many other intriguing and far-from-conventional concerts. Today's opening events include soprano Marina Levitt singing Tsippi Fleischer's *Lamentation* (8).

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA under music director David Shallon performs a program of dance-related music in a special concert which will be broadcast live throughout the European Broadcasting Union. The program comprises Dance Suite from Seter's *Midnight Vigil*, Bernstein's *West Side Story* Symphonic Dances and Bartok's *The Miraculous Mandarin*. Shlomi Shaban joins to play Chopin's Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise. 8:30 at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem.

The premiere of Amos Elkana's *Lessons in Arabic*, a cycle of songs performed by three sopranos in Arabic, German and Hebrew, takes place tomorrow at the Enav Center in Tel Aviv (2) before its Berlin premiere next Monday.

The JSO's David Shallon conducts a program of dance-related music. (Debbie Hill)

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Ed Spitz stars as Tony in the Light Opera Group of the Negev (Logon) production of Frank Loesser's tuneful musical*The Most Happy Fella*. It's directed by Meir Vardi, with musical direction by David Walden and choreography by Rosa Howden, who also plays Rosabella, the gal Tony woos, wins and nearly loses. Tonight at the Beersheba Municipal Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. (English with Hebrew supertitles).

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Jewish Sciences
8:30 Crossroad Café
9:00 Reading
9:25 English
9:40 Environmental matters
10:00 For the very young
11:00 State of Israel
11:30 Geography
12:00 Social Studies
13:30 Animation
15:00 Musical Fantasies – Mozart
15:05 In the Know

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Super Ben and Zap to 1
15:35 Rocky Yarocky
16:00 Mystery Isle
16:30 Stories That Last
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Click & Zap
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Meeting Point
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Cosby
19:53 Filmed on the Street
20:00 News
20:45 Basketball – Maccabi Tel Aviv vs Teamsystem
22:20 Press Conference – with Shelly Yehimovich
23:00 Where Were We? – *with Ehud* Manor and guest Arik Malniak
23:30 News
00:00 Time for Language

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Yo Yoggy
6:30 Rainbow Children
6:43 This Morning
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Princess Daisy
10:50 Dynasty
11:40 Rules of Marriage
12:30 Genie and the Captain
13:00 Boogie's Diner
13:30 Eli & Jules
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 The Flintstones
15:28 Major Dad
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five withReshef
17:30 Open Cards
18:00 Roseanne
18:35 Touched by Angels
19:25 Spin City
20:00 News
20:30 Wheel of Fortune
21:05 Shemesh
21:35 The Fifth Evening
22:35 Night Case
23:30 Eat Drink Man Woman – Ang Lee movie about a chef who has lost his sensitivity to taste and distances himself from his three daughters.
00:00 News
00:05 Eat Drink Man Woman – contd.
1:50 Guitar Festival
2:39 Apples From The Desert – local short
3:02 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

14:00 Holy Koran
14:10 Tales and Legends
14:30 The Prince and the Pauper
14:45 Energy Express
15:00 French TV
17:00 NBA Basketball
18:00 French TV
19:00 Le Journal
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 My Brother Jake
20:00 Job Hunting
20:30 Lois and Clark
21:10 Oprah Winfrey
22:00 News in English
22:30 Movie
00:00 Music

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:00 TV Shop
14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Magic School Bus
17:23 Popeye
17:45 Sonic
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 League Soccer
19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
20:00 Newhart
20:25 Lou Grant
21:15 Hill Street Blues
22:05 Homicide
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN News

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 News
16:15 Amores
17:00 Panorama
17:30 From Day to Day
18:00 Wiseman of the Generations
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 News
20:45 Telekessel
21:15 Dr. Bliss – five-part British series about an unconventional medical researcher who becomes entangled in murder cases. Part 1
22:30 Russia's War
23:30 Jazz Into the Night

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Echo Point
16:00 Scientific Eye
16:20 Let's Look Up
17:00 Marianna
17:30 Moliere
18:00 Destinos
18:30 Art Workshop
19:00 Jewish Sciences
19:30 Vis à Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Life In Age
21:00 Cinecopus
22:00 Natural Wonders of Europe
23:00 Sharpe

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Sunset Beach
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Dulce Ana (rpt)
12:00 Love Boat
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 John Larroquette
14:00 Sunset Beach
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Murphy Brown
16:00 Dulce Ana
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 Hercules
21:10 Xena, Warrior Princess
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Silk Stalkings
00:30 Hart to Hart
1:20 Love Boat

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Price of Vengeance (1993) – two policemen try to gather evidence against a mafia boss. With Dean Stockwell
13:05 Money Plays (1995) – a prostitute's client dies in her bed, leaving half a million dollars of Mafia money.
14:40 Separated by Murder (1995) – twins plot the murder of one sister's husband. With Sharon Stone
16:15 Children of the Dark (1994) – a family discovers that two of its children have a rare illness and cannot be exposed to sunlight
17:55 Blue River (1991) – a teenager will do everything to shelter his mother and younger brother, including framing his brother's best friend
19:20 Special on the movie Nightmare on the Horizon
19:50 Bye Bye Birdie (1995) – remake of the '60s musical about a rock star about to perform on TV before being drafted. With Jason Alexander, Vanessa Williams and George Wendt. Directed by Gene Saks
22:00 Look Who's Talking Too (1990) – Kirstie Alley is pregnant with a baby girl (with the voice of Roseanne). With John Travolta and Olympia Dukakis.
23:20 Hidden Obsession (1992) – a newscaster anxious about an obsessive fan falls for the charming sheriff next door, but is she safe with him?

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:40 Ladybirds
8:45 Arthur
9:05 Care Bears Family
9:35 The Smurfs
10:00 Flying Classroom
10:15 Ninja Turtles (rpt)
10:40 Flying Classroom
10:55 Space Strikers
11:15 Flying Classroom
11:35 Family Matters
11:55 Flying Classroom
12:15 Animaniacs
12:25 Flying Classroom
12:45 The Arena (rpt)
13:15 Dennis the Menace
13:30 Ask Victor
13:55 Sharky and George
14:10 Sindbad the Sailor
14:35 The Smurfs
15:00 Flying Classroom
15:15 Ninja Turtles
15:35 Flying Classroom
15:50 Phenom
16:15 Flying Classroom
16:30 Celestial Dance
17:00 Flying Classroom
17:10 Goosebumps
17:30 Flying Classroom
17:45 Lois and Clark
18:30 The Arena
19:00 Cream with Michal Yanai
19:55 Three's Company
20:20 Married with Children
20:45 Helen and the Boys
21:10 Beverly Hills *90210*

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Flying Down to Rio (1933) – the first musical in which Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire danced together. With Dolores del Rio.
23:35 La Grande Illusion (French, 1937, 108 mins.) – Jean Renoir's masterpiece, set in a German POW camp during WWI. With Jean Gabin and Erich von Stroheim.

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19:30	News Flash Cosby Filmed on the Street News		Beverly Hills 90210	Bye Bye Birdie	Three's Company	
20:00		News				The Next Step
20:30	Basketball	Wheel of Fortune	Hercules		Married with Children	A Fork in the Road
21:00		Shemesh			Helen and the Boys Beverly Hills 90210	Ramses II
21:30		The Fifth Evening	Xena, Warrior Princess			
22:00			Yair Lapid Live at 10	Look Who's Talking Too	Flying Down to Rio	Eight on History with Ofer Shelah
22:30	Press Conference	Night Case	Seinfeld			Human/Nature
23:00	Where Were We?		Ricki Lake			Open University

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University
8:00 Great Stories (rpt)
8:30 Travelogue in France: Normandy
9:00 Icebound (rpt)
9:55 Verdi's Simon Boccanegra – opera
12:15 Shijima – the Sankai Juku band
13:00 Ape Man
13:55 The Next Step
14:20 A Fork in the Road: New York (rpt)
14:50 Ratlines (rpt)
15:45 Eight on History
16:15 Human/Nature
17:00 Open University: Four American Composers; Inside the Global Economy
19:05 Oceans – part 1: Life and Water
20:00 The Next Step
20:30 A Fork in the Road: Indonesia
21:00 Ramses II
21:55 Eight on History
22:20 Human/Nature
23:05 Open University

■ NBC EUROPE (19/10)

6:00 The News
7:00 Europe Today
10:00 European Money Wheel
13:00 Internight (rpt)
14:00 Time and Again
15:00 Travel Xpress
15:30 VIP (rpt)
16:00 The Today Show
17:00 Company of Animals
17:30 Dream Builders
18:00 Time and Again
19:00 Wines of Italy
19:30 VIP
20:00 Europe Tonight
20:30 The Ticket
21:00 Dateline
22:00 NHL Powerweek
23:00 Tonight Show
00:00 Conan O'Brien
1:00 The Ticket
1:30 NBC Nightly News
2:00 Tonight Show (rpt)

■ STAR PLUS (18/15)

6:00 Hindi programs
7:00 Oprah Winfrey
8:00 'Allo, 'Allo
8:30 Due South
9:30 Santa Barbara
10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
11:00 Hindi programs
12:30 Election Special
14:00 Hindi programs
17:30 Star News
18:00 Are You Being Served?
18:30 Baywatch
19:30 Special Session
20:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
20:30 Star News
21:00 Newhart
21:30 Murder, She Wrote
22:30 Stryker
00:30 Oprah Winfrey
1:30 21 Jump Street

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Money Programme
7:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
8:00 The World Today
9:30 Film '98 (rpt)
10:30 Money Programme
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 The Travel Show
13:00 The World Today
14:30 Wild World
15:00 World News and Business Report
15:30 The World Today
16:30 Top Gear (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk
18:30 IBR Midweek
19:30 Golfer's Travels
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Panorama
23:30 Earth Report
00:05 Europe Direct
1:00 World News and Business Report
2:05 USA Direct

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News through the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:05 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight (rpt)
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sport
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Science and Technology
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Travel Guide
19:00 Larry King Live
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 College Basketball – *Providence vs* Connecticut
18:00 National League Volleyball
19:00 European Champions Soccer
20:30 WCW Wrestling
21:30 Body Building
22:30 Spanish League Soccer

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Equestrianism – from Italy
10:30 Biathlon – from Slovenia
11:00 Biathlon – live
12:30 Ski Jumping – from Norway
13:00 Freestyle Skiing
13:30 Luge – from Slovenia
14:00 Biathlon – live
15:15 Biathlon
16:00 Live Tennis – from the Netherlands
18:00 Biathlon
19:30 Ski Jumping
21:00 Car On Ice – from France
21:30 Boxing
23:30 Soccer: European Cup Winners Cup – quarter finals
1:30 Motorsports

■ STAR SPORTS (16/15) (unconfirmed)

6:00 Boxing
8:00 Thai Kick Boxing
9:00 Watersports
10:00 International Sports
11:00 Soccer – World Cup Hall of Fame
11:30 Whitbread Round The World Race
12:00 Sports Magazine
12:30 Omega Classic
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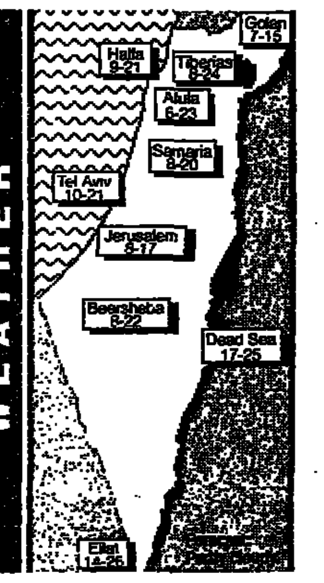

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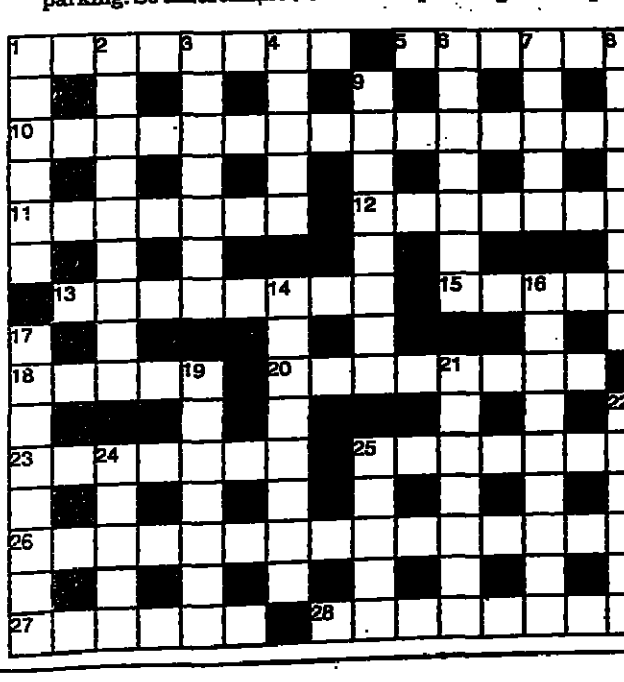

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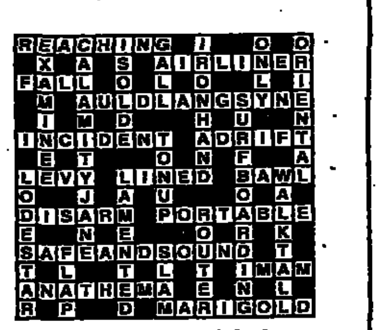

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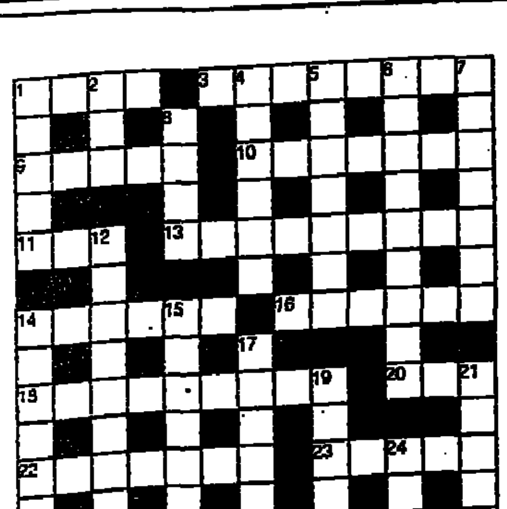

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United in goalless draw with Monaco

MONACO (Reuters) – Manchester United defended superbly to take the upper hand over a disappointing Monaco with a 0-0 draw in the first leg of their European Cup quarter-final last night.

United, looking to reach the semifinals for the second year in a row, go into the second leg at Old Trafford in two weeks' time as strong favorites after limiting the Monaco attack to a few half chances in an uninspiring match at the Stade Louis II.

The French champions, who are counter-attacking specialists, may, however, fancy their chances of an upset victory in Manchester as they seek to reach their second European Cup semifinal since 1994 but will have to show a deal more invention than they managed yesterday.

Juventus 1, Dynamo Kiev 1

In Turin, a 76th minute goal from Italy striker Filippo Inzaghi salvaged a 1-1 home draw for Juventus in their quarter-final first leg match against Ukraine's Dynamo Kiev.

Inzaghi, whose late strike against Manchester United in December had propelled Juve into the last eight, stabbed the ball home from close range after his initial header from an Edgar Davids' cross had been parried by Kiev goalkeeper Olexander Shovkovsky.

Dynamo had stunned last year's beaten European Cup finalists by taking the lead through midfielder Andriy Gusin after 57 minutes.

But a draw was the least the Italian champions deserved from a match they always controlled.

Inzaghi could have had a hat-trick and his Italy striking partner Alessandro Del Piero was once again superb. He rattled the Kiev crossbar with a breath-taking solo effort early in the second half.

Victor Ipkeba of Monaco (right) fights for the ball with Manchester United's Ronny Johnsen in their European Cup clash last night. (Reuters)

Bayern Munich 0, Borussia Dortmund 0

In Munich, German rivals Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund settled for goalless draw after a tense first leg of their quarter-final.

The first half was dull and uneventful but after the break German champions Bayern, eager to bounce back after losing their last two Bundesliga matches, dominated play and earned several clear opportunities.

Holders Dortmund, back in the Olympic stadium where they lifted the trophy after a shock win over Juventus in last May's final, needed a tight defence and a few brilliant saves from goalkeeper Stefan Klos to keep alive their chances of advancing into the last four.

Bayern and Dortmund, who have been fighting for German supremacy for years, had never faced each other on the European scene before.

Bayer Leverkusen 1, Real Madrid 1

In Leverkusen, Bayer Leverkusen of Germany and Spanish champions Real Madrid fought out a 1-1 draw.

Midfielder Stefan Beinlich put Leverkusen ahead in the 18th minute with his fourth goal of the competition.

Frenchman Christian Karembeu equalised in the 74th minute, finishing off a Real counter-attack with a firm, low shot.

Leverkusen's Carsten Ramelow almost got a second three minutes later but a terrific save from Madrid's German goalkeeper Bodo Illgner kept the scores level.

Off the field German police detained 150 Spanish soccer fans in Cologne for shouting right-wing slogans and making Nazi gestures after they arrived for the match.

A police spokesman said the fans had begun giving the raised-arm Hitler salute and yelling as soon as they stepped off their plane at Cologne airport.

"Our Spanish colleagues had already warned us about these fans," the spokesman said.

Police kept the fans in custody until after the match and then put them on their plane home.

Sprewell's contract reinstated, suspension cut

NEW YORK (AP) — Latrell Sprewell won both his grievances yesterday when an arbitrator ruled that the Golden State Warriors must reinstate his contract and the NBA must reduce his year-long suspension by five months.

Sprewell will become a member of the Warriors on July 1.

He was suspended for one year by NBA commissioner David Stern – the longest non-drug-related penalty in league history, for his attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo at practice December 1.

Stern cited the "premeditated" nature of the attack, but arbitrator John Feerick rejected that characterization.

"The evidence indicates that there is no history of both the league and a team imposing discipline for the same violent conduct, on or off the court," Feerick wrote in his decision.

LIVING LEGEND – Jimmy Connors

Connors elected to Tennis Hall of Fame

NEWPORT, RI (AP) — Jimmy Connors, who dominated tennis for more than a decade and played with singular intensity, was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame yesterday.

Herman David, chairman of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club for 15 years, was posthumously elected for his contributions to the sport.

Connors, ranked in the world's top 10 for 16 consecutive years, was chosen over Francoise Durr of France, Ken McGregor of Australia and American Nancy Richey in a vote by international tennis media.

Connors, ripping shots down the lines with his two-fisted backhand, was ranked No. 1 in the world for 160 consecutive weeks. In 1974, he won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments.

From 1974-78 he reached the US Open final in five consecutive years.

But more than rankings and accolades, Connors brought passion and grit to a sport more accustomed to decorous conduct.

Sometimes profane and always intense, Connors proved one of the great box-office draws in tennis.

Even in the waning days of his career, he played every match as if his entire reputation as a player was at stake. There was no better example than the 1991 US Open. At 39 years old, spraying shots all over the court, he played one marathon match after another, not falling until the semifinals.

He is the only player to win the US Open singles on all three surfaces – grass (1974), clay (1976) and hardcourt (1978, '82, '83) – and teamed with Hall of Famer Ilie Nastase to win the US Open doubles in 1975.

David was a teammate of Hall of Famers Fred Perry and Bunny Austin on the British Davis Cup team in 1932 and was the team's nonplaying captain from 1953-58.

What Maccabi needs to do in Game 2

EuroLeague playoff series vs. Teamsystem continues at Yad Eliahu tonight

By ELI GRONER

With their backs to the wall, Maccabi Tel Aviv faces Teamsystem Bologna in Yad Eliahu tonight, in Game 2 of their best-of-three series.

Teamsystem holds a 1-0 advantage after Tuesday night's victory, which was one of the best games the EuroLeague has seen in recent years. The 96-93 overtime loss was the type of game that leaves a bitter taste of what might have been for Maccabi, but also leaves a sense of pride at having participated in such a classic.

If Game 1 is any indication, this series could prove to be the kind that Maccabi fans will be talking about for years. If those future memories are to be positive ones, several things have to happen tonight, and then again next week.

• **Improved play under the defensive boards.** Maccabi was outrebounded on Tuesday night, 38-23 and the Italians grabbed 17 offensive rebounds. Maccabi needs more help under the boards from its guards and Randy White. Even Rashard Griffith, who grabbed 10 rebounds, must do a better job of boxing out.

• **Better utilization of the offensive mismatches.** In the second half on Tuesday, Coach Vinko Jelovac repeatedly posted Sheffer up against his smaller defender, in much the same fashion that Sheffer used to do during his Galil Elyon days. The result was the best offensive half in Sheffer's career – college or pro. In addition, Nadav Henefeld was extremely effective every time he drove to the basket. Maccabi has to locate the mismatch on any given offensive possession, and continue to exploit it.

• **More ball movement on offense.** Contrary to popular opinion, Teamsystem's biggest problem on offense isn't a surplus of egos; it's a lack of any ball movement and too many isolation sets. Yet Maccabi only managed the same number of team assists Tuesday night (five) as the Italians. More ball movement is a must.

• **Better use of the bench.** In an unprecedented move, four of Maccabi's players played the *entire* 45 minutes, with White getting some rest only because of foul trouble. Jelovac has to find spots where he can give the starters five-six minutes of rest – especially Griffith who was clearly worn out at the end of the game.

• **Better perimeter defense.** Henefeld gave one of the best defensive performances I have ever seen and made Dominique Wilkins an absolute non-factor. But Henefeld can't play defense by himself.

The Italians got too many open threes, and when you get good looks, you shoot 10 for 18. Specifically, Sheffer (or whoever is guarding Carlton Myers) cannot leave Myers in order to help out elsewhere, Griffith has to help White with Gregor Fucka and Jelovac should consider putting Henefeld, or even Sheffer, on David Rivers towards the end of the game, if it's close.

The bottom line is that Maccabi is unlikely to duplicate its fantastic offensive performance of Game 1, and improvement has to come in these other areas. Having said that, Maccabi should beat the Italians tonight and force a deciding game. In that scenario, anything can happen. But as we saw Tuesday night, it is well within Maccabi's capabilities to win this series, and earn a return trip to Bologna in the quarterfinals.

Knicks carve out gritty victory over Nets

NEW YORK (AP) – Larry Johnson scored 23 points, Charles Oakley grabbed a season-high 16 rebounds and the New York Knicks shot 20-for-22 from the foul line in a gritty, 94-91 victory over the New Jersey Nets in NBA action Tuesday night.

Allan Houston added 20 points, reaching that plateau for the 14th time in 17 games, as the Knicks improved to 9-2 since the All-Star break and moved 2 1/2 games ahead of the Nets in the Atlantic Division.

New Jersey, losing for the sixth time in eight games, lost All-Star center Jayson Williams to a pulled abdominal muscle.

There was no immediate word on his prognosis.

The score was 92-91 after Sam Cassell, who led the Nets with 19 points and 10 assists, converted a three-point play with 27.1 seconds left.

Charlie Ward, who had 10 points and eight assists for the Knicks, dribbled the clock down and was fouled going to the hoop with six seconds left. He made both for a 94-91 lead.

The Nets called timeout and inbounded at halfcourt, finding Keith Van Horn open at the 3-point line. His shot missed, making him 4-for-14 from the field, and the clock ran out as the ball bounced away.

Jazz 108, Raptors 93

In Toronto, Shandon Anderson scored a career-high 26 points and Bryon Russell added 21 to lead a 55-point bench barrage as the Utah Jazz beat the host Raptors.

Anderson scored 18 in the first half in 17 minutes. The Jazz won their third straight and 10th in 11 games, dominating inside, penetrating at will and outrebounding the Raptors 43-32.

Karl Malone scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half, and added nine rebounds. John Stockton had seven points and 11 assists to go with seven points.

Chauncey Billups, recently acquired from Boston, led Toronto with 26 points. John Wallace had 21 and Doug Christie 20.

Mavericks 110, Timberwolves 99

In Minneapolis, Cedric Ceballos scored 22 points as the Dallas Mavericks won their second road game in four nights, beating the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Shawn Bradley, replaced in the starting lineup by rookie Chris Antsey, responded by coming off the bench for 16 points and five blocks — three in the fourth quarter.

The Mavericks, only 12-47, finished their eight-day, five-game road trip 2-3 to give them five road wins this season.

Kevin Garnett had 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Timberwolves, 6-10 without injured forward Tom Gugliotta, who is out for the season with an ankle injury. Stephon Marbury added 17 points, while Sam Mitchell had 14.

SuperSonics 97, Heat 91, OT

In Miami, Gary Payton snapped a shooting slump with a deep 3-pointer in overtime as the Seattle SuperSonics ended the Heat's 10-game winning streak Payton, who was only 3-for-13 for 12 points, hit a 27-footer (8.5 meters) as the shot clock wound down to make it 91-89 with 2:39 to play.

A minute later, Payton drove the lane and passed to Detlef Schrempf for a baseline jumper. Hersey Hawkins finished off the Heat with a hook shot to make it 95-89 with 21.2 seconds left.

Seattle won its fifth straight and ended the longest winning streak in the NBA.

Hawkins and Schrempf each had 18 points for Seattle. Alonzo Mourning and Voshon Lenard each scored 20 for Miami.

Bulls 118, Nuggets 90

In Chicago, Michael Jordan scored 30 points and Scottie Pippen added 24 as the Chicago Bulls struggled for most of three quarters before routing Denver, the NBA's worst team.

Dennis Rodman had 17 rebounds but was benched by Bulls coach Phil Jackson late in the third quarter after Denver rookie Danny Fortson overpowered him on three consecutive post moves, cutting Chicago's lead to 75-72.

The Bulls followed with a 28-8 run to go ahead by 23 points, with Jordan and Scott Burrell scoring eight points each.

Fortson, who came in averaging only 8.7 points, had a career-high 26 points and LaPhonso Ellis added 20 for woeful Denver.

Rockets 107, Clippers 97

In Houston, Clyde Drexler scored nine of his 24 points in the fourth quarter and had 11 assists as the Rockets handed the Los Angeles Clippers their sixth straight road loss.

Kevin Willis added 21 points, while Hakeem Olajuwon scored 18 and had 15 rebounds as he set a Rockets record by appearing in his 1,003rd game.

It was only the second win in the last six outings for Houston, while the Clippers have lost 21 of their last 24.

Trail Blazers 98, Suns 93

In Portland, Oregon, Isaiah Rider scored 33 points, including a crucial four-point play with 3:59 remaining, as the Portland Trail Blazers survived the second-quarter loss of Damon Stoudamire with a sprained ankle to beat Phoenix.

The Blazers led by as many as 22 in the second quarter but turned sluggish without Stoudamire. Rider's four-point play put the Blazers ahead for good 86-83. Portland was just 4-for-15 from the field in the fourth quarter but was 16-for-18 from the foul line.

Jason Kidd scored 19 of his 23 in the second half for the Suns. Danny Manning added 15 points.

Pacers 111, Grizzlies 103

In Vancouver, British Columbia, Rik Smits scored 26 points to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 111-103 victory over the Vancouver Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

Indiana won its third straight despite allowing their highest point total in seven games. The Pacers were coming off back-to-back wins in which they held Portland and Denver to an NBA record-low 122 points.

Antonio Davis came off the bench to score 22, and Reggie Miller scored 20 before being ejected for picking up his second technical foul with 1:36 left.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Miami	41	19	.683	–
New York	34	23	.596	5½
New Jersey	33	27	.550	8
Washington	30	29	.508	10½
Orlando	29	29	.500	11
Boston	28	30	.483	12
Philadelphia	19	37	.339	20
Central Division				
Chicago	44	16	.733	–
Indiana	41	17	.707	2
Charlotte	35	23	.603	8
Atlanta	34	24	.586	9
Cleveland	31	27	.534	12
Milwaukee	28	28	.500	14
Detroit	27	31	.466	16
Toronto	13	44	.228	29½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	40	16	.714	–
San Antonio	40	18	.690	1
Minnesota	31	27	.534	10
Houston	29	29	.500	12
Vancouver	14	44	.241	27
Dallas	12	47	.203	29½
Denver	5	54	.085	36½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	45	13	.776	–
LA Lakers	39	18	.684	5½
Phoenix	38	20	.655	7
Portland	34	24	.586	11
Sacramento	24	36	.400	22
Golden State	12	46	.207	33
LA Clippers	12	46	.207	33

Tuesday's games: Utah 108, Toronto 93; New York 94, New Jersey 91; Seattle 97, Miami 91, OT; Dallas 110, Minnesota 99; Chicago 118, Denver 90; Houston 107, LA Clippers 97; Portland 98, Phoenix 93; Indiana 111, Vancouver 103.

SCOREBOARD

BRITISH SOCCER – Results last night: Premier league: Leeds United 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0. Division One: Norwich 3, Birmingham 3; Nottingham Forest 0, Sunderland 3; Port Vale 0, Tranmere 1; QPR 5, Middlesbrough 0; Wolves 1, Stoke City 1.

Results on Tuesday: Division One: Charlton 5, West Brom 0; Huddersfield 1, Man. City 3; Oxford U. 0, Crewe 0; Portsmouth 1, Bury 1; Sheff. Utd 0, Ipswich 1; Stockport 5, Reading 1.

Division Two: Bournemouth 3, Plymouth 3; Bristol City 2, Brentford 2; Carlisle 1, Millwall 0; Fulham 1, Bristol Rovers 0; Gillingham 2, Oldham 1; Grimsby 0, Chesterfield 0; Northampton 0, Wrexham 1; Preston 1, Luton 0; Watford 1, Walsall 2; Wycombe 1, York 0.

BASKETBALL – EuroLeague results. In Treviso: Benetton Treviso (Italy) 81, Olimpija Ljubljana (Slovenia) 79.

NCAA BASKETBALL – No. 6 Texas Tech 80, Colorado 49; Massachusetts 64, Virginia Tech 58.

1.85m Brits heading to France – survey

By MIKE COLLETT

LONDON (Reuters) – An estimated 370,000 English fans are preparing to travel to the World Cup without tickets, according to a survey published by the British soccer magazine *Four Four Two* on Tuesday.

The survey also says that a total of 1.85 million will travel from England to France during the finals, and that almost 300,000 are going in order to be part of the atmosphere rather than watch games.

The magazine says that the survey, conducted by an independent market research company, has led to mounting concern for the safety of thousands of travelling fans.

The survey also indicates that 388,500 will not have a ticket but will try to watch any match they can, while 203,000 expect to see England play.

It was conducted before the European Commission threatened to fine FIFA and the World Cup organizers for their handling of the ticket situation – and before Sunday's comment from FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter that more tickets would be made available for fans outside France.

Sports Minister Tony Banks used the survey to emphasize the British government's stance on the World Cup.

"These results give us another indication that there will be a huge number of fans traveling to France without tickets for World Cup matches. The government's message to people thinking of travelling to France for the World Cup is if you don't have tickets, don't travel.

Woman sneaks into Lord's pavillion – in underwear

LONDON (AP) — The old boys would have choked on their Pims.

Members of the MCC have defied change for two centuries and refused to allow women into their pavilion at the home of cricket.

But this woman not only made it to the men-only room. She was clad only in underwear.

A week after members voted against letting women become members of the Marylebone Cricket Club at Lord's, model Debbie Lee marched boldly into the pavillion as a protest wearing only a bra and panties.

"How did you get here? You are not allowed in this area," bellowed Lord's security chief Jim Hogben before ordering her back into the conference and banqueting center.

"I think it's dinosaur stuff that women aren't allowed to be members," Lee said after being removed. "I'm sure more women would be interested in the sport if they were allowed to join."

In what appeared to be a stage-managed side-show to a photo-shoot arranged in Lord's banqueting center, Lee, whose boyfriend is Australian batsman Stuart Law, was one of several models showing off a new range of underwear before she escaped to the pavillion.

Women are allowed in the ground as guests, but cannot go into the famous Long Room or the pavillion.

"Stuart was Man of the Match here," Lee said. "Now we have both performed at Lord's."